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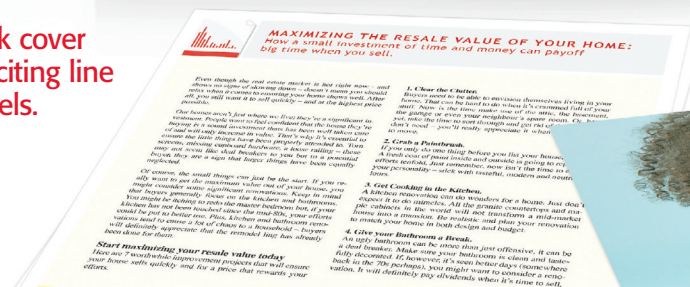
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Ontario college talks break off

EDUCATION Negotiations with the province's 9,000 community college teachers have broken off and no new talks are expected.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) says that leaves it no choice but to plan for a Jan. 13 strike vote.

OPSEU president Warren Thomas said for the second time in two weeks their bargaining team came forward with significant changes to its position.

The union represents faculty at 24 community colleges. Thomas said in a release they had tabled modifications to their bargaining position but college negotiators insisted the union withdraw 69 demands.

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Halladay

End of an era



Pitcher Roy Halladay answers questions from the media yesterday at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia after signing with the Philadelphia Phillies. The deal sending Halladay to Philadelphia from Toronto was made official yesterday. Halladay was a six-time all-star with the Blue Jays and won the 2003 American League Cy Young Award. More coverage, page 38.

Deal in Dalton

Premier won't rule out sale of province's Crown assets

Hiring two banks to review Ontario's assets such as Hydro One and the Liquor Control Board will ensure taxpayers get maximum value and doesn't necessarily mean those agencies will be sold to trim the \$24.7-billion deficit, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

McGuinty dismissed suggestions that just musing about selling off Ontario's electricity assets would frighten people who are afraid of seeing their basic utilities owned by for-profit corporations.

"I'm not scaring anybody, and I don't know if anybody here wants to scare anybody," he said, looking at the

media.

Despite severely criticizing previous Progressive Conservative governments for trying to privatize electricity, McGuinty wouldn't rule out a sale of Hydro One, Ontario Power Generation or any other Crown corporation.

"We've got a responsibility to take a look at all of our assets to make sure we're getting the best bang for our buck," he said prior to the last cabinet meeting of the year. "Especially now in the context of a global recession and a significant deficit."

McGuinty insisted he remains committed to public power, but said he would not "speculate" on the outcome of the asset review.

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Dalton McGuinty



Health expert labels Santa a reckless role model

Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus. And he's a public health menace.

Public health expert Nathan Grills of Monash University in Australia says the beloved Christmas icon

should ditch his sleigh and start biking or walking to lose his jelly belly.

Grills' light-hearted research was published online in the



British medical journal BMJ.

After conducting a literature review, Grills identified a "very high Santa awareness" among children. He de-

termined Santa made a reckless role model, noting his frequent cookie snacks, occasional cigars and refusal to don a helmet during "extreme sports such as roof surfing and chimney

jumping."

He suggested jolly old Saint Nick should swap his traditional snacks of cookies and milk in favour of sharing carrots with Rudolph.

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Premier hopes flame will inspire

Premier Dalton McGuinty says he's thrilled the Olympic torch has landed in Ontario. McGuinty says the torch symbolizes the same sporting spirit that embodied Ontario's winning bid for the 2015 Pan Am Games. He hopes it, too, will inspire more families and young people to get active and stay healthy.

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Torch generates heat

Relay heads into Oshawa as Olympic fever builds in GTA

The Olympic torch has started burning a path through the GTA, fuelled by the warm cheers of thousands who lined frigid Oshawa streets and the smiles of those lucky enough to hoist the Olympic symbol.

"I've had my picture taken more today than I've had in my whole lifetime," said torch carrier Brett McKenzie, who got the honour when his name was picked in a draw at the Oshawa General Motors plant.

"It's been crazy. I never expected this much attention," he said.

Regular folks got to carry the torch, as did better known ones, including retired skating champ Kurt Browning.

The flame, lit in Greece about two months ago, is on Day 49 of its 106-day relay across Canada ahead of the Winter Games in Vancouver in February. It arrived in Oshawa from Peterborough yesterday and moves toward Toronto today.

Legions of students waiting outside Eastdale College



People line the streets yesterday as the Olympic torch is carried through Bowmanville.

giate and Vocational Institute on Harmony Road North in Oshawa screamed with excitement as McKenzie took the torch from the previous bearer and started running from his station outside the school.

"It's a great opportunity for the country to get excited about something and

come together and have a lot of fun," said Doug Campbell, there to cheer on the flame.

Oshawa Mayor John Gray said his city is basking in some much-needed warmth from the torch.

"We've been rocked by some bad news in the automotive sector and we can't

lose sight of the fact there has been some hardship. So it's nice to lift everybody's spirits and showcase our city to the rest of the country, that we are alive and fine."

The torch's final stop last night was at the General Motors Centre, where thousands were waiting to see it.

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Appeals court rebukes trial judge's sentence

REVIEW The Ontario Court of Appeal has rebuked a Brampton trial judge for suggesting it would be a form of "insanity" to jail a man for running a large-scale marijuana grow operation.

By choosing instead to subject Zeyu Song to 12 months of house arrest, Justice Elliott Allen fashioned a sentence "based on his personal views of national drug policy" and engaged in an unhelpful "personal diatribe" about prison's ineffectiveness in curbing the drug trade.

Despite a line of cases from the appeal court instructing judges that conditional sentences in these cases should be rare, Allen bypassed the rulings, describing them as essentially "utterances," and suggesting it is largely up to local judges to develop their own marijuana sentencing practices.

In doing so, he completely upended the notion that appeal courts, in many instances, should defer to a trial judge's conclusions, an appeal panel ruled yesterday.

"The principle of deference is not a licence for the sentencing judge to defy settled jurisprudence, ignore the principles of the Criminal Code, or use his or her dais as a political podium," Justices Michael Moldaver, Janet Simmons and Robert Blair said in a decision collectively authored by "the court."

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Where and when to see the torch today

• Thornhill

Start 1:34 p.m.: South along Yonge St. Finish 1:52 p.m.: Yonge St. and Morgan Ave.

• North York

Start 1:52 p.m.: South along Yonge St., 2:11 p.m.: Newtonbrook Plaza, Finish 2:39 p.m.: Willowdale Plaza

• Scarborough

Start 2:54 p.m.: South on Grangeway Ave. from Progress Ave. South on Town Centre Ct. Through Scarborough Town Centre. West on Borough Dr., 3:03 p.m. South at Brian Harrison Way. Finish 3:36 p.m.: Brimley Rd. and

Ellesmere Rd.

• Toronto

Start 3:41 p.m.: Ellesmere Rd., west of Warden Ave. Follows west onto York Mills Rd., 4:21 p.m.: York Mills and Leslie St. South along Yonge St., 5:18 p.m.: Lawrence Park South on Yonge St., 6:06

p.m.: Bloor St. and Yonge St., 6:16 p.m.: West on College St. from Yonge St. South on Elizabeth St. West on Elm St., 6:28 p.m.: North on University Ave. East on Gerrard St. W South on Yonge St. West on Queen St. W. Finish 7 p.m.: Nathan Phillips Square.

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Microbix takes Q4 loss

Toronto-based Microbix Biosystems Inc. saw its net loss widen in the fourth quarter as the company focused on striking new deals and expanding its product lines for the new year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, from left, Copenhagen Mayor Ritt Bjerregaard and Toronto Mayor David Miller attend the opening conference at the Future City Pavilion on City Hall Square earlier this week in Copenhagen. The mayors of some leading cities explained how their cities are reducing greenhouse gas emissions

Miller high on hybrids

Toronto joins international cities in promise to buy new vehicles

As part of an international initiative to fight climate change, Toronto is promising to purchase nearly 300 electric or plug-in hybrid cars over the next four years.

Mayor David Miller made the announcement from Copenhagen yesterday during a conference



call with reporters in Toronto, saying 13 other major cities have also signed on including London, Los Angeles, Mexico City, São Paulo and Sydney.

"It shows the scale of what cities can do, working together," Miller said. "It will show the private sector that electric vehicles can be reliable."

The city also wants to work with Toronto Hydro and the province to look at setting up charging stations throughout the city

that could eventually be used by private car owners, Miller said.

The new city vehicles will be bought as older vehicles are taken out of service — with 40 next year, followed by 60 in 2011, 70 in 2012 and 120 in 2013.

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AG balks at spending cuts to department

BUDGET Toronto's spending watchdog has balked at following a directive from the city manager to all departments to slash their spending five per cent — and council's audit committee has backed him up.

But Coun. Doug Holyday, who chairs the audit committee, said the move signals how difficult it will be to deal with the \$500-million shortfall expected in next year's operating budget.

City manager Joe Pennachetti instructed city departments in October to trim their 2010 budget proposals by five per cent, but some city agencies such as the board of the Toronto Zoo have already said they won't follow the directive in budget proposals.

Auditor general Jeffrey Griffiths acknowledged the directive in submitting his budget proposal to the audit committee. But he nonetheless requested a 2.9 per cent increase

over his 2009 budget, which would bring his department's projected spending for 2010 to \$4.5 million.

Griffiths notes in his request that 97 per cent of his spending goes to salaries, once the fees of the city's external auditors are subtracted.

Chopping his budget five per cent would mean cutting his spending by \$219,000, and laying off two of his staff, Griffiths said.

He noted that the mayor's fiscal review panel, which re-

Trouble meeting target

Chief financial officer Cam Weldon told the committee that the city's agencies, boards and commissions — which have their own boards rather than being run directly as city departments — "by

and large are having trouble meeting the target" of a five per cent cut. They include some of the biggest spenders, such as the Toronto Transit Commission and the police services board.

ported nearly two years ago, recommended increasing the auditor general's budget. And he said his office has saved the city about \$91 million over the past five years by identifying wasteful or fraudulent activity, and proposing efficiencies.

Holyday said he agrees that cutting Griffiths' budget

would be unwise. But he warned that other departments and agencies will also resist the five per cent directive.

"They can all make a case to make themselves special in their own eyes, or in somebody's eyes," Holyday said. "I don't know how that's going to help us with the problem that we don't have enough money to pay our bills."

Coun. Mike Del Grande said the auditor general would be better funded if his office were allowed to keep all or a portion of the money it saves the city.

The audit committee recommended approving Griffiths' budget proposal, without dissent.

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Jeffrey Griffiths





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Boycott punishing accused: Lawyer

A prominent criminal lawyer is speaking out against Ontario's legal aid boycott, saying those accused of serious crimes shouldn't have to bear the brunt of the dispute.

"There's no doubt that the government has seriously neglected the legal aid rates over the last 20 years," said Clay Powell, who most recently defended biker Wayne Kellestine at the Bandidos murder trial.

"But if 1,000 criminal lawyers and their associa-

tion haven't got enough negotiating skill on their own, I don't think they should take it out on some people who are charged with murder and behind bars."

Powell, a London-based lawyer who works out of his home, is still taking legal aid cases despite a months-long boycott by the Criminal Lawyers' Association.

He is best known for successfully prosecuting former Toronto Maple Leafs owner

Harold Ballard for fraud in the early 1970s and defending Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards on heroin charges.

The association is upset with the gap between what lawyers are paid through legal aid and what provin-

cial prosecutors earn.

Powell calls the CLAs complaint "a legitimate beef," but argues the lawyers should be able to make a case to the government on their own. He isn't a member of the association.

His views have made him a bit of an outsider in the legal community — especially after he said he was willing to take on a high-profile murder case in Kitchener at the current legal aid rate of \$97 per hour.

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"There's no doubt that the government has seriously neglected the legal aid rates."

Clay Powell, lawyer

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Harvey Fierstein braves yesterday's wind chill to do a little holiday shopping in downtown Toronto. The Tony Award-winning actor is starring as Tevye in *Fiddler On The Roof* at the Canon Theatre until Jan. 10. Holiday Shopping Guide, pages 41-65.

Few Canadians plan for retirement: Poll

Fewer Canadians are putting money into retirement plans, according to the Royal Bank's annual RRSP poll.

It says 32 per cent of Canadians have not yet started saving for retirement, compared to 24 per cent in 2008.

The study also found only 36 per cent say they are planning or have planned for retirement, down from 42 per cent in 2008.

The decline is sharpest among those aged 55 and older, with 53 per cent doing any retirement planning, compared to 67 per cent last year.

RBC also says just 35 per cent of Canadians have contributed to or plan to contribute to an RRSP for the 2009 tax year — the lowest percentage of contributors since 1996.

And, among those with an RRSP who are not contributing this year or who are reducing their contribution, 54 per cent say it is because of current economic conditions.

The RBC poll of 1,457 people was conducted between Oct. 21 and Nov. 2, 2009. The margin of error is plus or minus 2.56 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Charges laid in furniture fraud

RETAIL York region police have charged a Toronto-area man in connection with a \$420,000 furniture store fraud.

Police say between March 2006 and February 2009, the suspect was employed by a furniture wholesale company in Vaughan as a purchasing agent.

It's alleged that seven tractor-trailers full of furniture were diverted from the wholesale company to furniture stores in southern Ontario, rather than to

their intended destinations. Police say the furniture stores paid the suspect directly, believing he was an independent furniture broker.

The accused then manipulated the accounting system to hide the diversions and his employer also paid for those shipments.

Aruturu (Arthur) Kamiyama, 43, of Ajax, is charged with fraud over \$5,000. He is due in court in Newmarket Jan. 22.

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Police search for sexual assault suspect

Police are looking for a man in connection with the sexual assault of a woman on a TTC bus near Kipling station at about 6 p.m. Dec. 3. The man is described to be about 5-foot-7, brown complexion, short black hair and brown eyes, with a medium build. He was last seen wearing a black, puffy coat and blue jeans. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Wind Mobile making waves

New phone provider undercuts big three and goes contractless

Wireless provider Wind Mobile launched its cellphone and data service yesterday, bringing a new player and more competition into the already hotly contested cellphone market.

Wind, owned by Yak long-distance provider Globalive, opened 18 outlets in the Toronto area, with plans to open more later this week in Calgary and Vancouver, and Ottawa and Edmonton in the new year.

The company is pinning its competitive hopes on contractless price plans, which it says reflect what Canadians really want when they buy a cellphone, when it goes up against the already established players, Rogers, Bell and Telus.

"Today marks a new chapter for wireless in Canada," said Wind chairman Anthony Lacavera.

Globalive was given the go-ahead to operate in Canada last Friday when Industry Minister Tony Clement overturned a CRTC ruling — which stated it wasn't Canadian-owned or



Wind Mobile CEO Ken Campbell, left, and Anthony Lacavera, chairman of Globalive and Wind Mobile, are shown at a company launch yesterday in Toronto. Globalive started selling its new cellphone service yesterday with a baseline package that drastically undercuts its competitors.

controlled — that had prevented an earlier launch. Globalive is 65 per cent owned by Egyptian telecom giant Orascom.

CEO Ken Campbell said

Wind's pricing plans are based on feedback from its potential customers.

"We've heard overwhelmingly that they're tired of high prices, poor service,

Wind prices

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- Huawei U7519 (\$130)

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- (all include national calling between Wind subscribers)
- \$15 — (100 minutes, 50 outgoing texts)
- \$35 — (unlimited minutes, provincewide calling)
- \$45 — (unlimited minutes, Canada-wide calling, unlimited texts)

Data Plans

- \$10 — (Unlimited instant messaging, Facebook, MySpace)
- \$35 — (unlimited data for BlackBerrys and smart-phones)
- \$55 — (unlimited net use with USB data stick)

limited technology and complicated billing. They are tired of system access fees and contracts," Campbell said.

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Premier questions price tag of pedophile inquiry

COST Premier Dalton McGuinty says he hopes the Cornwall inquiry provides some closure to the community, but questions its \$53-million price tag.

He says he's glad the four-year inquiry's work is done and hopes the community can now move on.

McGuinty says it's a good question to ask whether the inquiry into allegations of child sex abuse really had to cost so much.

He says there's accountability to taxpayers, not just

to the people of Cornwall.

McGuinty says his government has made legislative changes to give it greater authority to limit the scope of inquiries and make sure they're run more efficiently.

The inquiry examined institutional responses to historical claims of sexual abuse, but the sensational allegations of a pedophile ring that fuelled it went unresolved in the more than 1,600-page report released Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sausages may be contaminated

LISTERIOSIS The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Superior Sausage and Meat Products Ltd. are warning the public not to consume certain ham sausages sold in Ontario.

The affected products may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, a bacteria that may cause listeriosis.

Village Superior Sausage was sold between Dec. 1 and Dec. 5 at Superior Sausage and Meat Products

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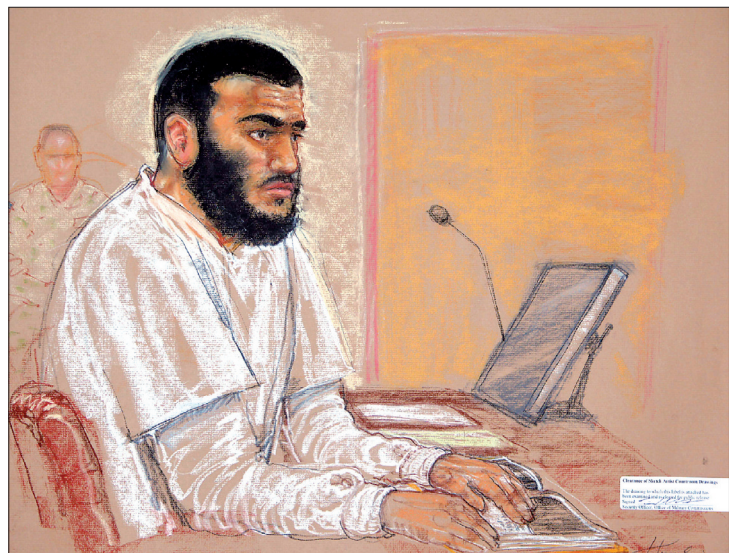
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A sketch by courtroom artist Janet Hamlin shows Canadian defendant Omar Khadr during a hearing at the U.S. Military Commissions court for war crimes at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in January.

Khadr among 100 moving to U.S. jail

Canadian Omar Khadr will be among about 100 Guantanamo detainees who U.S. officials say will be transferred to a prison in rural Illinois, but his lawyers say they aren't celebrating.

Toronto native Khadr, 23, was to be told the news yesterday.

Khadr's lawyer Nathan Whitling said officials at the Pentagon have confirmed that Khadr will be sent to Thomson Correctional Centre sometime next year.

"People seem to think that this is an improvement and it is not. It is the same kangaroo court that they have in Guantanamo.

They are just moving it somewhere," Whitling said.

"The really sad thing is that this whole process of finally closing down the place and moving people to Thomson has now taken a full year and it is going to take at least another half a year to pull it off. And this whole time Omar has been ready to go to trial."

Whitling said Khadr may not be transferred before his trial, which is set to begin in July, on charges that he killed an American soldier in Afghanistan in 2002.

A hearing to determine what evidence can be entered at the trial is to begin

in April.

Whitling said living conditions at Thomson, which is to be upgraded to a maximum-security prison, will not be better than conditions at the detention facility in Cuba. In fact, he said, they could be worse.

And Khadr will still face trial by a military commission instead of a civilian court.

"The geography isn't the problem. The rules of this commission are the problem. And they are the same whether you have got it in Guantanamo or whether you have got it in Illinois. It is still a marked departure from a real court."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto sports doc charged for selling unapproved drug

MEDICINE A Canadian sports doctor who counts Tiger Woods as one of his patients has been charged by the RCMP for selling an unapproved drug known as Actovegin.

Dr. Anthony Galea, 51, is charged with selling an unapproved drug, conspiracy to import an unapproved drug, conspiracy to export a drug and smuggling goods into Canada.

"What we are alleging is that he imported the drugs by way of smuggling them into the country," said Sgt. Marc LaPorte.

RCMP are also alleging that the doctor administered and sold the drug to his patients in Canada, and exported the drugs to the U.S. The charges come af-

Drug illegal

- Using, selling or importing Actovegin is illegal in the United States.

ter the RCMP raided Galea's Institute of Sports Medicine Health and Wellness Centre on Oct. 15 in Toronto.

Galea's assistant has been charged in the U.S. for having Human Growth Hormone and another drug while crossing the border in September.

His lawyer, Brian Greenspan has said the investigation began when the doctor's assistant, who often drove Galea around, was stopped at the U.S. border. THE CANADIAN PRESS

\$24M cultural centre coming to Regent Park

DEVELOPMENT Regent Park could be the next art hub of Toronto, with the announcement yesterday of a state-of-the-art Regent Park Arts and Cultural Centre to be built in the downtown neighbourhood by spring 2011.

The \$24 million centre, funded jointly by the provincial and federal governments, is part of a 10-year effort to turn Toronto's oldest public housing project into a new community.

Regent Park is among the city's most diverse areas, but also the poorest — more than 50 per cent of residents are new immigrants

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Centre to vote soon: Premier

Voters in Toronto Centre will be going to the polls "sooner rather than later" to elect an MPP, says Premier Dalton McGuinty. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney makes his way through the crowd after speaking to the Canadian Club of Toronto and Empire Club of Canada yesterday.

Get ready for rise in interest: Carney

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney issued a caution to Canadians and the chartered banks yesterday: Interest rates are going up and they should take care not to get caught out.

Expanding on previous warnings, the bank governor told a business audience in Toronto that the current low interest rate environment may be luring Canadians to borrow too much, and banks to extend loans they will later regret.

Canadians have taken on more debt even during the recession, which is unusual, Carney said.

But while Canadians may be able to afford the added debt burden now when interest rates are at historic lows, they may get

"Things can change, and if things change we would change that guidance."

Mark Carney, Bank of Canada governor

caught short when rates return to more normal levels.

"The combination of sustained growth of household debt relative to income and a rising interest rate environment could increase the vulnerability of households to an adverse shock," he said in notes on the speech released by the central bank in Ottawa.

The bank governor did not say when he expects interest rates to start rising, although economists believe Carney will make his first move on his lower-bound 0.25 per cent policy

rate in mid-2010. That would be after the bank's conditional commitment to stand still on the rate until the end of June.

Carney reiterated the central bank's commitment to keeping interest rates at their historic low of 0.25 per cent until June 2010, although he said this approach could change if the economy bounces back more quickly.

"Things can change and if things change we would change that guidance," he told reporters after his speech.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dack's Shoes files for bankruptcy

RETAIL Dack's Shoes, one of Canada's oldest and best-known retailers of quality men's footwear, has slipped into bankruptcy after 175 years in business.

The company announced yesterday that it filed for bankruptcy Dec. 9 and plans to close all six of its remaining stores — four in Toronto and two in Alberta — after a chain-wide liquidation of merchandise.

Dack's cited declining

Branching out

- In more recent history, Dack's tried to restructure and bring in new business by adding women's shoes to its lineup.

market share and increasing overhead costs, compounded by the recession, for ending its run.

The company was founded by Matthew Dack, who emigrated to Canada from

Stradbally, Ireland, and started a shoe and boot business in Kingston, Ont.

He moved to York in 1834, the same year the city with a then-population of 10,000 was renamed Toronto. There he opened the first Dack's Store at the corner of King and Jordan streets and managed to craft a successful men's shoe business based on good workmanship and using the finest leathers.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

North York mansion fire put out after 15 hours

EMERGENCY A fire that ravaged a North York mansion Tuesday has finally been extinguished after close to 70 firefighters fought the blaze for nearly 15 hours.

Two children and a nanny managed to evacuate

the home before the fire, which started around 4:00 p.m. at Lauderdale Drive, near Bayview Avenue and York Mills Road, got out of hand, said Stephan Powell, chief of Toronto Fire Services.

He said the roof and both first and second floors of the house have collapsed, at one point forcing firefighters to step away from the flames as the building became unstable.

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Platelet-rich plasma therapy, or PRP, is one of the treatments provided by Toronto sports doctor Tony Galea, who has been charged with administering and selling an unapproved drug. But there is nothing illegal about PRP, which uses the patient's own blood to help assist healing, said Dr. Ian Cohen, a U of T sports medicine specialist. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

G20 to upset Doc's return?

June summit coincides with Halladay's T.O. debut with Phillies

Roy (Doc) Halladay's return to the Rogers Centre will be met by a wall of armed police, thousands of protesters and a couple of world players named Obama and Putin.

Although no formal announcement has been made, city staff have been told the Metro Toronto Convention Centre will host the G20 summit June

26 and 27. Right next door, at the Rogers Centre, the Blue Jays will be hosting their former ace pitcher, who now dons a Philadelphia Phillies uniform.

The overlap has Jays officials concerned the summit could disrupt the season's most anticipated series.

A summit at the Convention Centre means Front

Street and surrounding thoroughfares will be closed to most traffic, security experts say, and guards will be limiting access to the area.

This means fans — almost 50,000 if it's a sellout — could have a hard time even reaching the ballpark.

The team might consider changing the start times if

it means less hassle, but rescheduling the series would be a logistical nightmare, said Howie Starkman, the Jays' vice-president of special projects.

"It would have been different if we knew (about the summit) 12 months ago," he said.

"We'll just have to wait and see."

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Downtown Wave of support



Olympic figure skater Kurt Browning, middle, joins a crowd in Yonge-Dundas Square yesterday doing the wave as a show of support for Canada's Winter Olympic athletes.

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Teenager found guilty of mother's shooting death

JUSTICE A teenager who was subjected to frequent tongue-lashings by his mother over school, chores and his girlfriend has been found guilty of first-degree murder in her shooting death last year.

Members of Michelle Barnoski's family gasped and sobbed as the verdict, reached by the jury after deliberating just a few hours, was announced in Peterborough court yesterday.

The teen, who was 14 when his mother was shot eight times in the head and neck, stood quietly in the courtroom while Barnoski's two sisters hugged each other.

"Wow, he really did it," younger sister Nina Pelletier told reporters. "I mean I

believe it, I knew it."

Her former longtime partner Marc Vickers, 36, who lived with Barnoski and her son, is also charged with first-degree murder in the case. He is awaiting trial.

During the five-week trial, Pelletier and Barnoski's other sister, Lisa Epstein, testified that after his arrest, her nephew confessed to shooting his mother during an argument. The jury also heard that he called her a "crack whore" and drug dealer who had abandoned him.

The teen, who is now 16, cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

The boy will be sentenced next year.

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Judge says Bell Mobility must remove misleading ads: Rogers

COURT Rogers Communications Inc. says a B.C. judge has ruled that Bell Mobility's claim it has Canada's most reliable network is false and misleading and has called for immediate removal of all advertising containing the statement.

Toronto-based Rogers launched legal action against Bell Canada and Bell Mobility Dec. 1 after losing its own battle against Telus over its own claim to be Canada's most reliable network.

Rogers argued before a B.C. court that data sug-

gesting Bell's network is the most reliable and fastest is misleading because it was compiled before the commercial launch of its upgraded network.

It also argued that Bell Mobility cannot promote its network as being Canada's largest because it is shared with Telus Corp.

Rogers is also taking aim at Bell's claims to have the "best" and "most powerful network" because it says those statements are not quantifiable.

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Toronto vacancy rates jump to 3.1 per cent

A proliferation of condominiums in the city that are competing with purpose-built apartment buildings have seen vacancy rates jump to 3.1 per cent from two per cent last year, according to figures released yesterday by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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New chairman nominated for eHealth

There are more changes coming at scandal-plagued eHealth Ontario, with the government nominating a new chairman of the board and appointing yet another

temporary CEO of the provincial agency.

eHealth was rocked by news it had given hundreds of millions of dollars in untendered contracts to highly paid consultants,

which eventually cost David Caplan his job as Ontario's health minister.

The Liberal government has nominated former IBM executive Raymond Hes-

sion as the new chairman of eHealth's board of directors. If approved by a government committee, Hes-

since last June.

The government also announced it is appointing Michael Fenn as the new interim president and CEO of eHealth, but only until the end of February while

it conducts a search for a permanent CEO. Fenn is a former CEO of Metrolinx and was a deputy minister in the provincial government for eight years.

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Integrated Asset Management and BluMont buy Northern Rivers Capital

Integrated Asset Management Corp. and subsidiary BluMont Capital Corp. said yesterday they have agreed to buy Toronto-based Northern Rivers Capital Management Inc. for an undisclosed amount. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Charges against officers dropped

DISCIPLINE Charges at the heart of a disciplinary matter involving Ontario's top police officer were dropped yesterday, the day provincial police Commissioner Julian Fantino's cross-examination was set to resume after being delayed by a year with legal motions.

The hearing into misconduct charges against two senior provincial police officers adjourned last fall when Fantino accused the adjudicator of bias during his cross-examination. In the ensuing year, Fantino exhausted several legal avenues trying to get the ad-

judicator to recuse himself.

Yesterday, prosecutor Brian Gover rose to say the charges against Supt. Ken MacDonald and Insp. Alison Jevons were being withdrawn.

"This matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of the prosecution and the subject officers outside the discipline process," he said.

The defence has alleged that Fantino only laid the charges to appease the po-

lice union and because he suspected MacDonald of leaking information.

The labyrinthine affair began in April 2004, when Susan Cole of Gananoque, Ont., called 911 to say her estranged husband, a provincial police sergeant, had taken a baseball bat to her car. Cole complained the responding officers asked her to leave her home rather than arrest her spouse.

MacDonald and Jevons investigated Cole's complaint, and concluded the responding officers had not followed proper procedure.

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Christmas light shows have gone public after months of planning. Here's a list of some of the best decorated houses in the GTA:

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2 Brock Avenue, south of Dundas Street West, Toronto.

3 Meadowoods Cres-

cent, near Bronte Road and Rebecca Street, Oakville.

4 Neilson Road, south of Bloor Street West, Etobicoke.

5 Glenlake Avenue, near Bloor Street West and Dundas Street West, Toronto.

6 Lisgar Avenue, north of Queen Street West, Toronto.

7 Semi on Dovercourt Road, north of Queen Street West, Toronto.

8 Lakeview Avenue, north of Dundas Street West, near Dovercourt Road, Toronto.

9 Newport Avenue, near Pharmacy and Danforth avenues, Scarborough.

10 Caledonia Road, north of St. Claire Avenue West, Toronto.

11 Bertmount Avenue, near Queen Street East and Jones Avenue, Toronto.

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Ontario eyes reforms to divorce process

LAW Ontario will announce changes to the way it deals with family law today in a bid to make the divorce process faster, cheaper and less combative, The Canadian Press has learned.

Attorney General Chris Bentley is set to unveil several changes that he said address complaints about the expense and length of divorce and custody proceedings, making the process as easy as possible

for the families that are involved.

Under the changes, people will have more access to legal advice from the outset, as well as to options like mediation, arbitration or collaborative law, which are much less combative than the court process.

That will also free up court time for cases that must be argued through the system, though those

will now have less paperwork and fewer steps so that people can get to a judge — and a decision — sooner.

The changes don't involve any new funds, but rather a redistribution of the province's current resources.

The family-law changes are expected to start coming into effect early next year.

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The Alberta government says money raised from a new issue of capital bonds could be used to build group homes for the disabled and long-term care facilities. But Albertans will have to wait until February to find out who will be eligible to buy the bonds and the interest rate offered. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Cold case re-opened

Police in Kingston have arrested a Winnipeg man in a decades-old murder case. Joseph Clifford Edward Langford, 66, has been charged with non-capital murder over the death of Kingston resident Marshall Augustus Matier, 64, whose body was found behind a building in 1970. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Harper heads into turmoil

Violent protests and deadlocked talks await Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Copenhagen as climate negotiations threaten to unravel.

Harper will join 192 other world leaders today at the United Nations conference in an effort to seal some kind of a deal.

But the chasm between rich and poor countries seems wider than ever.

Outside the convention hall, police battered a throng of protesters with batons.

Videos showed protesters getting pepper-sprayed — and one pushed from the roof of a van — as they approached police lines.

While protesters rallied



outside the Bella Centre, negotiations inside hit yet another snag.

Talks dragged on into the wee hours yesterday without a breakthrough as China and the United States remained at loggerheads over key issues.

Meanwhile, high-level officials from a select group of 48 countries were still waiting yesterday for their Danish hosts to provide a draft text for them to negotiate — a text that was supposed to be ready the night before.

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Ottawa PM snatches a few moments of peace



Facing problems at home and abroad, Prime Minister Stephen Harper relaxes with Haiti's Prime Minister, Jean-Max Bellerive, in Ottawa yesterday.

And in Calgary, PM faces a sit-in

PROTEST About 20 activists were in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Calgary constituency office last night pushing for tougher action in Copenhagen.

The group says Harper should resign if he won't change his position on emissions that affect global warming.

Canada has been criti-

cized for not doing enough to help reach a deal.

The sit-in at Harper's office is the eighth to target Tory ministers.

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News in brief

LAWSUIT A man originally from the United Kingdom has launched a lawsuit against the Nova Scotia government over a program that was supposed to pair new immigrants with on-the-job training. The proposed class-action suit was filed on behalf of Peter King, who shelled out \$130,500 to participate in the program.

ASSAULT CASE A sexual assault case against North Vancouver hockey coach Dusan Benicky may be in limbo after the death of his accuser. Police say foul play is not suspected. Benicky denies the assault charges. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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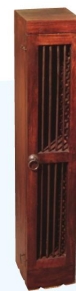
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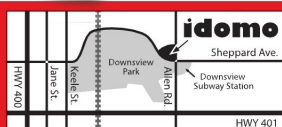
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Colvin drops new bombshell

Canada 'let detainees disappear'

Diplomat Richard Colvin has dramatically jumped back into the torture controversy with a stinging letter that accuses Canada of stubbornly refusing to monitor Afghan prisoners.

Some of the detainees disappeared into unofficial "black site" jails, he alleges.

Colvin's 16-page, point-by-point critique of testimony and public claims by federal officials is laced with several new allegations that will no doubt feed the political wildfire burning over the prison torture issue.

The intent of the letter, delivered yesterday to the House of Commons special committee on Afghanistan, was to rebut critics who've tried to tear apart his claims of abuse in Afghan jails and what Canada knew about it.

On April 24, 2007 — a day after allegations of torture were published in Canada — the Canadian

"Mr. Mulroney replied within hours to reject our advice."

Richard Colvin

embassy in Kabul recommended a system to monitor prisoners, Colvin wrote.

But the advice was rejected by the senior federal official in charge of the Afghan file, David Mulroney, who is now the ambassador to China.

"In our one page memo, we suggested that Canada should negotiate a new detainee (memorandum of understanding), set up an effective monitoring mechanism, and try to reduce the number of detainees taken," says Colvin's letter. "Mr. Mulroney replied within hours to reject our advice, instructing us instead to implement the contingency plan."

The revelation flies in



Diplomat Richard Colvin has issued new allegations about the torture of Afghan prisoners.

the face of the Harper government's claim that once allegations were made it took swift action to rewrite the transfer agreement — which to that point did not allow Canadians to check on the welfare of prisoners it had taken on the battlefield and handed over to

Afghan authorities.

It also raises questions about whether federal officials misled the international Red Cross, which had issued urgent warnings and was told in 2006 that Canada intended to conduct some monitoring.

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'Black sites'

- Colvin says Afghan intelligence runs "black sites" not open to the Red Cross.
- The ex-governor of Kandahar, Asadullah Khalid, was accused of running private jails and abusing suspects.

Bishop's porn case delayed

COURTS The case of a Roman Catholic bishop facing child pornography charges has been put off until the new year.

Raymond Lahey, 69, was not in court yesterday when his lawyer requested more time to prepare his case.

Lahey's next court appearance is set for Jan. 13.

He was charged in September with possessing and importing child pornography.

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Families helped with legal woes

PROGRAMS B.C.'s Legal Services Society is doing more with less, and it says low-income families with legal problems are the beneficiaries.

Society executive director Mark Benton cites several new programs.

New services include helping people who don't have lawyers in court, assistance for those facing minor criminal offences and more support for aboriginal legal aid services.

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Cancer test missed 39 cases: Study

A new study says nearly 40 Quebec women with breast cancer did not receive the proper treatment — and five of them died.

The provincial study arrived yesterday as a followup to a report that cited problems with Quebec's screening practices.

Health Minister Yves Bolduc ordered the review in June.

He asked for thousands of cancer tests to be redone after an extensive study suggested there were problems with Quebec's screening process.

The original study by Dr. Louis Gaboury, head of the Quebec Association of Pathologists, examined almost 3,000 breast-cancer tests conducted over 14 months starting in April 2008.

Out of 2,856 exams reviewed, 87 errors were found in the test results.

The new provincial study, released yesterday, confirms 39 of them failed to receive the proper care.

5 Number of Quebec women who died after errors in screening delayed their treatment for breast cancer.

Bolduc said there was no proof the five deaths were caused by improper treatment.

He said that mortality rate was normal for cases of breast cancer.

The health minister also defended the quality of breast-cancer tests in Quebec, saying the error rate fell well below what he described as the 10 per cent norm for such screening.

He declined, however, to explicitly rule out the possibility that insufficient care might have caused any of the deaths.

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Jean Paré, shown in this file photo, is the author and publisher of the Company's Coming cookbook series.

U of Guelph receives cookbook treasure

A collection of more than 6,000 cookbooks has been donated to the culinary archival library at the University of Guelph.

Jean Paré, founder and author of Company's Coming Cookbooks in Edmon-

ton, made the donation.

"With this gift, we've essentially doubled our cookbook collection," said Kathryn Harvey, the library's head of archival and special collections.

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A Sudbury, Ont., jury has found a man guilty in the shotgun slayings of his estranged wife and her boyfriend in northern Ontario. Reg Carroll, 46, was convicted yesterday of two counts of first-degree murder. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Five-year wait for information request

A group that advocates for greater access to information in British Columbia is celebrating the fifth birthday of a request to see a provincial contract, saying what is likely one of the longest-ever delays for government documents is far from an isolated case.

The B.C. Freedom of Information and Privacy Association had birthday cake, balloons and champagne on hand yesterday to mark the occasion, arguing the government's refusal to release documents related to a \$300-million, 10-year contract with IBM shows the

Freedom of Information background

The provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires the province to provide information

within 30 days after it's requested, but the government can — and often does — ask for extensions.

province isn't prepared to make itself transparent.

"This is not unusual — we have other requests that

have gone on for years and so have other people," said association spokesman Vince Gogolek.

"If you have what's supposed to be a 30-day process turn into years, you have a huge problem."

The association filed its request in 2004, shortly af-

ter the provincial government signed a contract with IBM for computer technology and technical support.

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Trio charged in marijuana grow-op

INVESTIGATION Ontario provincial police say they've charged three people after locating a large marijuana grow-op in Ad-jala-Tosoronto Township in central Ontario.

Police say they raided the indoor operation early Tuesday following a month long investigation.

Police seized approximately 840 plants and arrested a woman and two men from Toronto and Alliston.

Police also seized two motor vehicles — a 2001 Acura and a 2006 Honda Civic as proceeds of crime.

Thi Hoa Do, 45, Van Ba Nguyen, 54, and Van Vinh Nguyen, 26, are charged with production of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking and theft of hydro.

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Savage Island gets a name change

NEW BRUNSWICK The name of an island in the St. John River has been changed because of complaints it is discriminatory.

A recommendation to change the name of Savage Island to Eqpahak has been accepted by the New Brunswick government.

The island is located north of Fredericton, below the Mactaquac dam.

The Maliseet word "eq-pahak" means "place where the tide stops coming in."

This marks the first time New Brunswick has changed a place name that has been deemed to be inappropriate or discriminatory.

Chiefs of the six Maliseet First Nations support the renaming.

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Corner Brook college might get a name change

The Newfoundland and Labrador government believes a name change would be good for Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook. The province is recommending the college be renamed Memorial University of Newfoundland-Corner Brook. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Copter crash in Montreal

TV traffic helicopter lands in ditch, both occupants survive

A TV traffic helicopter crashed into a ditch yesterday, prompting a frantic rescue effort near a Montreal highway.

Emergency workers at the scene say the passenger, a journalist for the TVA television network, was trapped inside the chopper for over an hour while rescuers scrambled to free him.

"His legs were crushed, so firemen had to be very delicate (when taking) him out," ambulance service spokesman Benoit Garneau said yesterday, standing a few metres from the wreck.

"How bad was the helicopter? It was completely crushed."

The men have been identified as reporter Rejean Leveille and Antoine Leger, a professional pilot for about 12 years.

One emergency worker said the pilot walked away from the wreckage, but another indicated that firefighters had to remove both men from the downed helicopter.



Rescue workers try to free a reporter from a local television station who was trapped in a helicopter that crashed during the morning rush hour in Montreal yesterday.

Garneau said Leveille was conscious and talking to firefighters as they rushed to cut through the metal shell of the helicopter.

Rescue workers pumped hot air into the crumpled copter to keep Leveille warm during the rescue.

Both men were transported to hospital after the

morning rush-hour crash.

A hospital spokesman said the men suffered fractures and are in stable condition. Their lives are not believed to be in danger.

Luc Robillard, a spokesman for Montreal's fire department, said commuters on the nearby Bonaventure Expressway called 911 after watching the chopper

plunge from the sky.

Transportation Department investigators were examining the wreck, but the cause of the crash is still unknown.

The chopper was reportedly making an emergency landing at a nearby heli-pad at the time of the crash.

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Domestic abuse issue raised in murder case

CRIME A coroner's jury examining the murder-suicide of five people is hearing evidence about the huge numbers associated with domestic violence in British Columbia.

Of the 70,000 files B.C. Crown prosecutors deal with annually, domestic violence ranks second overall, while impaired driving tops the list.

Peter Lee stabbed to death his six-year-old son, his wife and her parents before killing himself in the Victoria-area in Sept. 2007. At the time, Lee, 38, was on bail on charges relating to a car ac-

cident he had staged to hurt his wife, and was under court orders to stay away from the family home.

The statistics prompted one member of the jury to ask a police officer who investigated the killings why impaired driving is the focus of massive public campaigns, while domestic abuse is rarely mentioned.

Staff Sgt. Gary Schenk, of the Saanich Police Department, testified that much of the impaired driving campaign is funded by outside agencies, but domestic violence gets few sponsors.

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White supremacist arrested

ATTEMPTED MURDER A white supremacist group's founder, who is charged with two counts of attempted murder, has been arrested at a house in Winnipeg.

Police say Kyle Robert McKee was taken into custody after a two-hour standoff with officers.

A warrant was put out for McKee after a Nov. 21 bombing in Calgary that po-

lice say targeted residents of an apartment.

The occupants found the explosive devices and threw them into a parking lot where they exploded without doing any damage.

McKee is the founder of Calgary's Aryan Guard, which has since announced on its website that it has disbanded as the result of the bombing. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Stephen D'Souza, executive director of Burnaby Community Connections which runs the Burnaby Christmas Bureau, poses for a photograph at their donation centre in Burnaby, B.C., last week.

Charities feel holiday pinch

High demand, low donations factors

Marta McLaughlin has sponsored families in the past through the Burnaby Christmas Bureau, but it had long been on her personal to-do list to give some of her time.

Currently between projects, the British Columbia-based prop master, who works in the film industry, decided to lend a hand to the charitable program, which provides families in Burnaby with food gift certificates and new toys, and gives hampers to low-income seniors.

So McLaughlin infused a little movie magic of her own in helping to transform a once-vacant space at Brentwood Town Centre, a Burnaby mall, into a colourful, festive toyland.

An archway was set up and rich, red, shiny Christmas paper left over from a previous project was used to wallpaper columns. McLaughlin will also be helping as the bureau begins handing out toys this week.

"This is a really hard time of year I think for a lot of people, and especially parents and kids that have a little less, the pres-

Decline

Statistics Canada says reported charitable donations were over \$8.1 billion last year, but it was a 5.3 per cent decline from 2007.

sure is huge," she said.

"The social pressure is huge, the financial pressure is huge, and it's really great to be able to contribute to relieve that."

But many charitable organizations across Canada are being hit with a double whammy this year: An increased demand for programs and services in a tough economy and a decline in donations they rely on to meet the growing need.

Stephen D'Souza, executive director of Burnaby Community Connections, whose agency oversees the bureau, says the number of client families has climbed to 1,380 — a 30 per cent increase from 2008. But the number of people looking to sponsor families directly is down dramatically, he said.

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Miramichi, N.B. man gets 15 years in jail

CRIME A 46-year old Miramichi, N.B., man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for strangling an elderly man at a Moncton inn last August.

Norman Robert Gratton had earlier pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of Durward Jardine, 76, of Blackville, N.B.

Gratton's girlfriend, 31-year-old Rebecca Nicholas, was also sentenced today to two years in prison for

being an accessory after the fact. Nicholas is formerly of Eskasoni, N.S.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice George Rideout gave Gratton no credit for time served and said he must serve at least half of the 15-year sentence before becoming eligible for parole. Court was told by Gratton's lawyer that Gratton was very remorseful and had apologized.

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Time out **Parliamentary break**



The Peace Tower on Parliament Hill is pictured yesterday. There is speculation in Ottawa that the Harper government may pro-rogue Parliament until March, after the Winter Olympics end.

Deportee denied rights: UN group

Arrested on security certificate

Canada deported a refugee to face a notoriously abusive intelligence service in Algeria, where he was questioned under duress and denied a lawyer, say international justice observers.

A UN working group says former Montrealer Mourad Ikhlef, removed to Algeria under a national security certificate, was jailed and interrogated in breach of basic legal principles.

Amnesty International found Ikhlef was held incommunicado and refused counsel after Canada handed him over six years ago.

He left behind a devastated wife and two young children who have lived without him in Montreal ever since.

Ikhlef's brother, Nabil, still lives and works in the same Montreal neighbourhood where Mourad came under surveillance. Nabil says Canada abused security certificates in the rush to judgment after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"When you accuse somebody of being a terrorist, that's it. He gets stuck with that title for his life," said Nabil. "People get their rights gradually and they will lose them gradually if they don't fight to keep them."

Ikhlef's case and other certificate files Canada closed long ago raise fresh questions about the ma-

Mourad Ikhlef

- Born 1968 in Algiers.
- Moved to Montreal in 1993, granted refugee status after learning he was wanted in Algeria on terrorism charges. Denied any involvement in extremism, suggesting his trouble with authorities stemmed from a stolen identity card.
- Interviewed by Canada's spy agency about his circle of friends in Montreal, including Ahmed Ressam, who was convicted in the U.S. in 2001 for plotting to bomb the L.A. airport.
- Detained on security certificate in 2001, accused of belonging to Montreal cell of militant Algerian group.
- Deported to Algeria in 2003 after officials there promised he wouldn't be mistreated.
- Has been held in prison for most of the time since his return to Algeria and has been the subject of several trials. Detention has been labelled arbitrary by a UN group.

signed immigration tool for deporting foreign-born terror suspects.

Two current certificate cases have collapsed and three others are bogged down in the Federal Court of Canada as Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan reviews the teetering system.

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Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou says negotiations between developing countries and richer nations at the Copenhagen climate conference are likely to go down to the wire, but reaching an agreement is essential. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Security questions surround Berlusconi

A man with mental problems managed yesterday to reach the hospital floor where Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was recovering from an attack, and police were questioning him, authorities said. A Milan anti-terrorism police official said the man "wanted to pay a visit on the prime minister at 2 a.m." and made it to the entrance of the seventh floor of Milan's San Raffaele Hospital where Berlusconi, 73, and other patients were being treated.

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News in brief

NORTH CAROLINA The body of an elderly woman remained in her bed for up to eight months even though caretakers paid daily visits to the house and kept it tidy, authorities said yesterday. Police were investigating the suspicious death of Blanche Matilda Roth after the corpse was found in her Wilmington home Tuesday. Sheriff's Deputy Charles Smith said the 87-year-old Roth likely died in May. Smith said caretakers had been going in and out of the house on a daily basis.

HONDURAS Gunmen attacked the car of a TV journalist, killing her pregnant daughter but leaving her unhurt. Police said two gunmen on a motorcycle shot at Karol Cabrera's car Tuesday. The daughter was eight months pregnant, but doctors saved the baby. It was unclear whether the attack was related to Cabrera's work. As a commentator she supports the interim government that ousted Honduras' president in a June coup. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Talks deadlocked; protests flare

Police fired pepper spray and beat protesters with batons outside the UN climate conference yesterday, as disputes inside left major issues unresolved just two days before world leaders hope to sign a historic agreement to fight global warming.

Hundreds of protesters were trying to disrupt the 193-country conference, the latest action in days of demonstrations to demand "climate justice" — firm steps to combat global warming. Police said 230 protesters were detained.

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Inside the convention hall, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez echoed the protesters' sentiments: "If the climate was a bank, a capitalist bank, they would have saved it."

Earlier, negotiators dealing with core issues debated until just before dawn without setting new goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions or for financing poorer countries' efforts to cope with coming climate change, key elements of any deal.

In those overnight talks, the American delegation apparently objected to a proposed text it felt might bind the U.S. prematurely to reducing greenhouse gas



Danish riot police push back a protester yesterday during a demonstration in Copenhagen.

emissions before Congress acts. U.S. envoys insisted, for example, on replacing the word "shall" with the conditional "should."

The Copenhagen talks so far have been marked by

sharp disagreements between China and the U.S., and between rich and poor nations. Still unresolved are the questions of emissions targets for industrial countries, billions of dollars a

year in funding for poor countries to contend with global warming, and verifying the actions of emerging powers like China to ensure that promises are kept.

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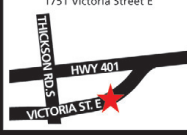
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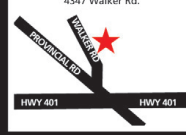
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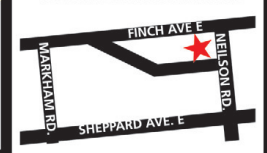
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The UN Security Council voted unanimously yesterday to extend the UN peacekeeping force along the Israeli-Syrian border for six months. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

UN to stay put along border

Two-legged dog Faith inspires disabled vets

For several years, Jude Stringfellow and her Lab-chow mix have toured the country with a simple message: Faith walks.

Born without front legs to a junkyard dog around Christmas 2002, Faith the puppy was rejected by her mother. She was rescued by Reuben Stringfellow, now a U.S. Army E-4 specialist.

"Can we fix her?" Stringfellow, then 17, asked his mom. "No, but maybe we can help her," she said.

So Reuben turned Faith over to his mother, English professor Jude Stringfellow. At first the family had to carry Faith to keep her off her chest and chin. But with peanut butter and practice, Faith learned to walk on her two hind legs.

Today Faith is a brisk, upright walker. When she runs, every so often she adds a hop or skip to her step, but she stumbles less often than most humans. She takes vitamins and joint supplements, and vets have declared her very healthy, Stringfellow said.

Since her first step on March 22, 2003, Faith has done the talk show circuit, gone on tour with Ozzy Osbourne and been named an honorary army sergeant.

Jude Stringfellow has become a motivational speaker and written two books. Next year, the two are moving from Ardmore, Okla., to Chicago where they plan to write a third called Faith Walks.

They get more than 200 letters and emails a day, run a website and make dozens of appearances every year, including stops at veterans' hospitals across the country



Faith, a two-legged dog walks down Chicago's Michigan Avenue to the wonderment of pedestrians.

Reunion

• Faith's most emotional reunion — with U.S. soldier Reuben Stringfellow, who rescued her seven years ago this Christmas — will have to wait for January. He's already gotten Faith a birthday present: A peanut butter cookie with her name on it.

to cheer injured soldiers.

That mission is special for Stringfellow, whose son left Iraq in September and is stationed at Fort Wainwright in Alaska. He is scheduled to get out of the army and head

home on Jan. 1.

For many, Faith brings a powerful message about overcoming adversity.

"Faith has shown me that different is beautiful, that it is not the body you are in but the soul that you have," Jill Salomon of Montreal wrote on Faith's website.

That sense of hope is especially important for Faith's visits to army bases. Last weekend she headed to Washington state, where she met with as many as 5,000 soldiers at McChord Air Force Base and Fort Lewis. Some of the soldiers were headed to war, some were coming back.

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Strikes primed to paralyze Britain over the holidays

U.K. More than a million people face travel chaos over the Christmas and New Year's holidays as baggage handlers and check-in staff at Heathrow and Aberdeen airports announced strikes in tandem with work stoppages by British Airways cabin crews.

British Airways applied for an emergency court injunction yesterday to stop the 12-day strike by its workers, due to start Tuesday, and also held last-ditch talks with union leaders.

BA Chief Executive Willie Walsh has called the planned strike, which escalates a bitter dispute over job cuts, pay and working

PM chimes in

• British Prime Minister Gordon Brown waded into the increasingly acrimonious dispute yesterday, urging sides to come to a deal to ensure travellers "a strike-free and trouble-free Christmas."

conditions, a "senseless" action that will ruin Christmas for many ordinary people. The BA walkout would likely ground most of BA's planes at a time it normally operates 650 flights and carries 90,000 passengers each day.

And travellers seeking al-

ternative flights were hit yesterday with the news that baggage handlers and check-in staff at London's Heathrow and the Aberdeen airport will hold a trio of 48-hour strikes — the first also starting on Tuesday. There was no relief to be found on the rails, either. British Eurostar train drivers announced yesterday they will walk out tomorrow and Saturday, but the operator of the train service between Britain and continental Europe said it was confident it could run a normal service by using replacement drivers from France and Belgium.

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A red Chevrolet Cobalt sedan is shown from a front three-quarter view. The car is positioned on a light blue surface against a white background with faint blue snowflake graphics in the upper left corner. The car's design features a prominent front grille with the Chevrolet bowtie emblem, large headlights, and a sleek, aerodynamic profile. The wheels are silver with a multi-spoke design.



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Despite opposition from Serbia, NATO's commander for Southeast Europe said the alliance will cut down its force in Kosovo by some 4,500 troops in January for possible use in hotspots like Afghanistan or Iraq. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Iran tests advanced missile

U.K. calls move 'wrong signal' for solution to nuclear program

Iran yesterday test fired an upgraded version of an advanced missile capable of hitting Israel and parts of Europe, an apparent show of strength aimed at discouraging attacks on its nuclear facilities.

The test of the medium-range Sajjil-2 fuelled calls for tougher sanctions against Tehran, which has resisted UN demands that

it rein in its nuclear ambitions. Iran touted the launch as a success proving it can deter any U.S. or Israeli military strike against its nuclear facilities.

"This is a matter of serious concern to the international community and it does make the case for us moving further on sanctions. We will treat this

Sajjil-2

- Yesterday's test was the third for the Sajjil-2 since it was unveiled in May. The missile has the longest range of any in Iran's arsenal, about 1,900 kilometres.

with the seriousness it deserves," British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said af-

ter talks with UN chief Ban Ki-Moon in Copenhagen.

Britain's Foreign Office said Iran has the "clear intention to extend the range of its missiles," calling the launch "the wrong signal to send when the international community is trying to find a diplomatic solution" to its growing nuclear program.

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Afghanistan Prime time



Sgt. Mark Frere, of the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Cavalry entertains a group of youngsters yesterday at an Afghan National Army base in Kandahar city, Afghanistan.

Needles inside toddler apparently inserted: Doc

A two-year-old Brazilian boy has as many as 50 metal sewing needles inside his body and a doctor treating the boy said yesterday they were apparently stuck there one by one.

Dr. Luiz Cesar Soltoski said that surgeons hope to remove most of the needles — some as long as 5 centimetres — but because some are stuck in his lungs, they have to wait until the child's breathing improves.

Some cannot be removed; they are too close to vital organs or actually inside them, Soltoski said.

The boy's mother,

Ritual?

- The boy's father told a Brazilian newspaper that he believes his son could be a victim of a black magic ritual.

brought him to a hospital in a small city on Thursday, saying he was complaining of pain. After X-rays revealed some of the needles, doctors had him shifted to a larger hospital in Barreiras.

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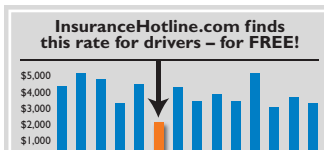
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U.S. shooting suspect out of intensive care
The U.S. Army psychiatrist charged in last month's shooting spree at the Fort Hood military base has been moved out of the intensive care unit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Volcano comes alive

Philippine's Mayon ready to erupt: Scientists

The Mayon volcano, which has blown its top nearly 40 times in 400 years, menaced nearby residents with small eruptions of ash and lava yesterday as Philippine authorities moved more than 30,000 people to shelters in case of a larger eruption.

Trickles of lava rolled down the 2,460-metre

Volcano's violent history

- Mayon last erupted in 2006, when 30,000 people were moved. Another eruption in 1993 killed 79 people.
- The first recorded eruption was in 1616, but the most destructive one came in 1814, killing more than 1,200 people and burying a town in mud. The ruins of the church in Cagsawa are among the Philippines' attractions.

mountain towering over the Albay Gulf in the central Philippines, while five

new ash explosions, one of them reaching 500 metres in the air, shook Mayon's steep slopes, said chief state volcanologist Renato Solidum.

During the day, the summit is shrouded in white clouds of dust and ash, and dark orange lava becomes clearly visible in the night-time. Residents of Legazpi city on the foothills of the cone-shaped mountain converge in a downtown park at night to watch the spectacle from a safe distance.

"There is the possibility that it can turn into the explosive phase of the eruption," Solidum told The Associated Press. "Right now, we cannot say for sure, but the initial phases of 2000, 2001 and 2006 eruptions are almost the same."

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The numbers "one" and "zero" arrive yesterday via pedicab, driven by Peter Netzer and Gregg Zukowski, to be installed atop Times Square for the New Year's Eve ball drop in New York.

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Opposition opposes dismantling war memorial

Georgian opposition reps say plans to dismantle a memorial to Second World War victims in the ex-Soviet nation is insulting to veterans. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Ex-minister who promoted lemons, garlic for AIDS dies

South Africa's former health minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, who gained notoriety for her dogged promotion of lemons, garlic and olive oil to treat AIDS, has died. She was 69.

The ruling African National Congress said Tshabalala-Msimang died in a Johannesburg hospital yesterday from complications related to a 2007 liver transplant. Media outlets said she was possibly undergoing tests for a possible second transplant when she died.

Tshabalala-Msimang's disastrous HIV policies during her nine years in office made her the most unpopular government minister in post-apartheid South Africa. She was ridiculed locally and internationally.

However, she was responsible for some advances. She improved basic services in rural areas, forced down the price of medicine, tried to stem the exodus of doctors and nurses to rich countries, and was one of the driving forces behind a global anti-tobacco treaty.



AIDS activists blamed South Africa's former health minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang for spreading confusion about AIDS.

A former anti-apartheid activist, she spent nearly 30 years in exile.

"We pay homage to this gallant fighter and will forever treasure the contribution she made in the struggle for liberation and the building of our democracy," the ANC said in a statement.

Reaction to Tshabalala-

Msimang's death was muted and sympathetic.

"We don't wish ill on any human being even though we had a very difficult time with her as minister of health," said Vuyiseka Dubula of the Treatment Action Campaign, a group she often clashed with.

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Comment

Parties unravel mysteries

Relating

Sofi Papamarko

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A co-worker recently told me that he wasn't sure if I was an introvert or an extrovert. I replied that I was still trying to figure it out.

We're all social chameleons. The way we act around our colleagues is very different from the way we act around our friends. Due to prescribed expectations, we don't generally have the opportunity to get to know our co-workers until we're outside the restrictive office environment.

Enter: The office Christmas party.

At a recent holiday shindig for a company I freelance for, a buzzed

colleague and I bonded over our mutual infatuation for music from the 1960s. I met the sparkling, chatty fiancée of a quiet co-worker. And I gaped in awe as a respectable higher-up dropped to his knees during Boney M's Rasputin and proceeded to entertain us with some scarily proficient Russian dance moves.

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Who
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that we spend so many of our waking hours in the presence of? We know their names, their positions and what they eat for lunch, but their personal lives, preferences and real personalities are, for the most part, a mystery. That is until it's time to party!

"At parties, some people believe that the normal rules that govern the identities they have negotiated with one another are relaxed," explains social psychology Prof. William B. Swann. "The boss who is ordinarily chilly with her subordinates may feel that she can warm up, or co-workers who are normally competitive with one another may be persuaded to ignore this and try to relax and enjoy one another. Alcohol can exaggerate these tendencies by lowering social inhibition and making people more open to ex-

perimenting with identities that they would not dream of assuming while sober."

But mistletoe and tumblers of extra-special eggnog among co-workers is potentially problematic. "The downside of suspending the identity negotiation process for parties is that it can be difficult to revert back to the original identity," says Swann. "This will be particularly true if the party atmosphere encourages us to reveal something that could poison a relationship (e.g., hostility or inappropriate attraction)."

True, you may never look at Janice from accounts receivable in the same way ever again (cheap drunk, opera hobbyist), but anything that reveals the humanity of those around us probably isn't such a bad thing.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

What is Barbie wearing under her burka?

GlobalView

Mona Eltahawy

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Authenticity has never been Barbie the doll's strong suit. It's estimated that if she were lifelike, she would tip over because of the size of her breasts.

So I shouldn't be surprised that as part of the 500 international outfits designed to mark Barbie's 50th birthday — yes, she's that old but doesn't she look good for her age — "Muslim" Barbie is wearing a burka.

As a Muslim woman, I am sadly all too familiar with the media shorthand for "Muslim" and

"woman," equalling Covered in Black Muslim Woman. This being Barbie though, the burka isn't in forbidding black. Italian designer Eliana Lorena, who made the outfits for an auction Sotheby's is holding to collect money for Save the Children, instead made Muslim Barbie's burka vermilion and lime green!

What will the Taliban say?

What on Earth are little girls supposed to do with Burka Barbie? More intriguingly, what is Barbie wearing under that lime green burka? I was at an ad until I came across an ad by German lingerie company Liaison Dangeuse.

A woman steps out of the shower into stilettos (because they're the first thing a woman wears after

showing, of course). She stands nude at her mirror to apply makeup, followed by lingerie, on top of which she throws a burka (black, not lime green though). The clip ends with the tantalizing line "Sexiness for everyone. Everywhere."

That's more like the Barbie we've known for 50 years! So, are Burka Barbie and Liaison Dangeuse in some kind of marketing cahoots?

The final piece of the puzzle came when the BBC reported that on the Saudi religion channel Awatan TV women presenters are dressed from head to toe in a black niqab. (The burka has a mesh where the eyes are, the niqab leaves the eyes uncovered).

Eureka!

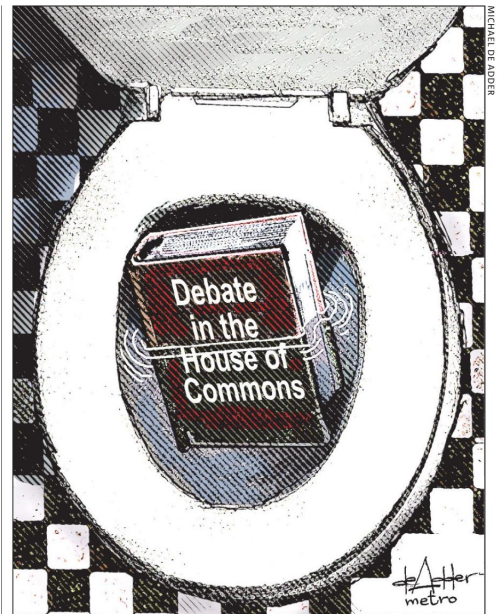
Those Burka Barbies

must be spinoffs for those women presenters, one of whom told the BBC that wearing the niqab helps her to concentrate more on her work and what she looks like is irrelevant. It begs the question why she didn't choose radio instead, but, hey, I'm still trying to figure out this Burka Barbie business.

Apparently, fans of these women in black from head to toe — gloves included — urge them to stay just the way they are. Little did Ms. Lorena realize that she was actually supplying a demand most of us never knew existed — Burka Barbie TV Presenter!

I never was one for dolls.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



Worth mentioning

Ancient climate study points to sea level rise

Global warming in this century might raise sea levels more than expected in future centuries, says a study that looked at what happened at a time when Neanderthals roamed Europe.

Unless global warming is curbed or expensive measures are taken to hold back rising water, the projected sea level rise could submerge about one-third of Florida, southern Manhattan, much of Bangladesh and almost all the Netherlands, for example, researchers said.

An expert praised the work but cautioned that such projections can't be made with precision.

Earth naturally alternates between ice ages and

warmer times, due to changes in the tilt of the planet and its orbit around the sun. It is now in a warmer spell that began some 10,000 years ago. But

scientists say man-made, heat-trapping gases are driving the warming beyond the natural amount.

Warmth can raise sea levels by expanding water volume and melting huge sheets of ice in Greenland and Antarctica. To get an idea of what future warming might do to sea levels, scientists at Princeton and Harvard universities looked at Earth's last warm period, which peaked some 125,000 years ago, sometimes called the Eemian stage.

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Watchdog sues Intel

Commission accuses chip maker of stifling rivals

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission sued Intel Corp. yesterday, looking to block tactics it says the world's biggest chip maker has used to snuff out competition.

The FTC said Intel has shut rivals out of the marketplace. In the process, the FTC says Intel has deprived consumers of choice and stifled innovation in the chip industry.

The agency said it is asking for an order that would bar Intel from using "threats, bundled prices,

"Intel has engaged in a deliberate campaign to hamstring competitive threats to its monopoly."

Richard A. Feinstein,
Bureau of Competition

or other offers to encourage exclusive deals, hamper competition, or unfairly manipulate the prices of its" chips. It said Intel has used both threats and rewards to keep some of the

biggest computer makers from buying other companies' chips or marketing computers that carried them. The FTC also says Intel has secretly redesigned critical computer software to hinder the performance of other companies' microprocessors, or CPUs.

"Intel has engaged in a deliberate campaign to hamstring competitive threats to its monopoly," said Richard A. Feinstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

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U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke makes the cover of Time Magazine as Person of the Year for 2009.

Time honours Fed chairman

HONOUR U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke has been named Time magazine's Person of the Year for 2009.

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EnCana next target for takeover?

ENERGY ExxonMobil Corp.'s deal to buy a U.S. natural gas player for \$29 billion US has Canada's oilpatch abuzz about whether a firm on this side of the border could be next, with EnCana Corp. standing out as the most likely candidate.

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Bengals receiver suffers serious injuries after falling out of truck

Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chris Henry suffered serious injuries after falling out of the back of a pickup truck during a domestic dispute with his fiancée, police said yesterday.

Henry was found in the road in Charlotte "apparently suffering life-threatening injuries," according to Charlotte-Mecklenburg police. Henry was transported to Carolinas Medical Center, the local trauma unit, but spokesman Scott White said he was not listed in hospital records and had no other information.

Police say Henry jumped into the bed of the pickup

truck as his unidentified fiancée was driving away from a home just before noon.

"The domestic situation continued between the operator and Mr. Henry," the police said in a statement. "At some point while she was driving, Mr. Henry came out of the back of the vehicle."

Henry broke his left forearm during a win over Baltimore Nov. 8, had surgery and was placed on season-ending injured reserve. Charlotte is home to his fiancée's parents, the Bengals said.

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Chris Henry

Sports in brief

WOODS Tiger Woods has been voted Athlete of the Decade by members of The Associated Press, his 10 years of incomparable golf outweighing nearly three weeks of a salacious sex scandal. Woods received 56 of the 142 votes cast by AP member editors. More than half of the ballots were returned after his Nov. 27 car accident, which set off the sensational tales of infidelity that have tarnished Woods' image.

BILLS The injury-depleted Buffalo Bills claimed guard Richie Incognito off waivers yesterday, a day after the player was released by the St. Louis Rams, according to a person familiar with the move, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the team had not made an announcement.

BRODEUR Martin Brodeur tied

Patrick Roy's record for regular season appearances by a goalie last night when he started for the New Jersey Devils against the Montreal Canadiens, his 1,029th game.

TICKETS The Washington Nationals are freezing or cutting prices on all single-game tickets for the second consecutive year — and after a second straight 100-loss season. The cost of more than 3,000 seats at Nationals Park will be reduced, some to \$24 from \$30 US, others to \$17 from \$20.

RED SOX Pitcher John Lackey has finalized a five-year contract with the Boston Red Sox, a deal worth \$80 million to \$87.5 million US. One of the top pitchers in the free-agent market, Lackey joins a strong rotation that includes right-hander Josh Beckett and lefty Jon Lester. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Spezza out 6 to 8 weeks

Jason Spezza, left, will miss six to eight weeks with a torn ligament in his right knee, the Ottawa Senators said yesterday. An MRI Tuesday night revealed the damage to his medial collateral ligament. The forward suffered the injury during the third period of a 3-2 loss in Toronto Monday.

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Coyotes double up Leafs

Kessel scores for third straight game, but it isn't enough

Petr Prucha scored twice for Phoenix and Keith Yandle and Martin Hanzal each chipped in three assists as the Coyotes used a big second period last night to defeat the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-3.

Vernon Fiddler, Paul Bissonnette, Scottie Upshall and Radim Vrbata, into an empty net, also scored for Phoenix. Daniel Winnik added two assists.

Ilya Bryzgalov, who was largely untested until the third period, picked up the win for the Coyotes.

Phil Kessel scored for the third straight game for the Leafs and Jamal Mayers popped his first of the year in front of a crowd of 19,888 at Air Canada Centre.

Alexei Ponikarovsky pulled Toronto to within two goals midway through the third, but the Leafs couldn't climb all the way back.

The Coyotes, one of the biggest surprises of the season thus far, continued a recent stretch of hot play that has seen them go 7-1-1 over their last nine games. Most observers pegged Phoenix (20-12-2) for the basement of the Western Conference, but the team has been in the thick of the playoff picture all season.

For long stretches of last night's game, Phoenix executed the strong, defence-first game plan of coach Dave Tippett, who replaced Wayne Gretzky behind the bench before the season.

Meanwhile, the Leafs waited too long to find their game, turning in the



Toronto Maple Leaf Niklas Hagman is tied up by Phoenix Coyote Zbynek Michalek during NHL action last night at Air Canada Centre. Phoenix beat Toronto 6-3.

type of sub-par effort rarely seen in recent weeks.

While he didn't get a ton of support, Toronto goalie Vesa Toskala did little to thwart the Coyotes attackers.

The loss ended a four-game home winning streak for Toronto, while

the Coyotes earned their fourth consecutive victory over the Leafs in the teams' only meeting of the season.

Toronto sophomore defenceman Luke Schenn was a healthy scratch for the third straight game.

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Magic cruise over Raptors

Dwight Howard had 18 points, 14 rebounds and eight blocks, and the Orlando Magic spoiled Hedo Turkoglu's return with a 118-99 victory over the Toronto Raptors last night.

Rashard Lewis added 21 points and Matt Barnes had 20 to help the Magic cruise to their second straight win with some potent three-point shooting. Orlando was 14 for 30 from beyond the arc.

Turkoglu was showered with a mix of cheers and

boos and scored 14 points in the arena where he was a fan favourite before parting ways in the off-season. He also had four rebounds and four assists, not nearly enough to prevent the Raptors from losing for the fourth time in five games.

It was the first time Turkoglu played in Orlando since opting out of the final year of his contract with the Magic, who acquired Vince Carter in a trade with New Jersey just prior.

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Toronto Raptors Chris Bosh looks to pass the ball while being guarded by Orlando Magic guard Anthony Johnson and forward Brandon Bass last night in Orlando. Orlando won 118-99.

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Toronto Blue Jays president and CEO Paul Beeston listens yesterday as general manager Alex Anthopoulos announces the team has traded pitcher Roy Halladay.

Era ends for Jays as Halladay leaves

Ace's departure signals rebuilding is underway

The rebuilding is on for the Toronto Blue Jays.

Ace right-hander Roy Halladay officially got his wish as a blockbuster trade sending him and \$6 million US to the National League champion Philadelphia Phillies was finally completed yesterday afternoon.

In return, the Blue Jays get prospects Kyle Drabek, a right-handed pitcher, Travis d'Arnaud, a catcher, and Michael Taylor, an outfielder they flipped to the Oakland Athletics for minor-league infielder Brett Wallace.

The Phillies also sent left-hander Cliff Lee to the Seattle Mariners for three prospects — pitcher Phillippe Aumont of Gatineau, Que., outfielder Tyson Gillies of Langley, B.C., and pitcher J.C. Ramirez.

It's the end of an era for the Jays, who drafted Halladay in 1995.

"It's been a big part of my life and something I'll never forget," Halladay said of Toronto at his introductory news conference in Philadelphia. "I enjoyed my time there. I'm also extremely excited about a new chapter and having this opportunity to be part of such a great organization."

The gut-wrenching swap is the first major player move made by new general manager Alex Anthopoulos, and the blockbuster definitively sets the team in a new direction.

Anthopoulos made it clear in early November that he sees the Blue Jays as a team in a "building" mode with the priority being the acquisition of young controllable assets.

The return for one of the franchise's greatest and most significant players certainly helps on that front, as the in-

What Doc wanted?

• One source indicated the only way to convince Roy Halladay to stay longer term with the Blue Jays was to sign three or four significant free agents this off-season, and it's not clear that would have got the team over the hump. GM Alex Anthopoulos believes on building a core from within and augmenting through free agency, and the current group has some good pieces, but not enough of them.

coming trio join an emerging core that is fronted by second baseman Aaron Hill, outfielders Adam Lind and Travis Snider, righty Shaun Marcum, and left-hander Ricky Romero.

"We think all three of these players fit into our philosophy going forward of having some exciting, good, young controllable players," said Anthopoulos. "These players are ones that we feel are going to be a big part of what we're doing going forward."

The deal also represents a symbolic shutting of the competitive window former GM J.P. Ricciardi had set through the 2010 season.

Those plans began to fall apart last fall when A.J. Burnett opted out of his contract and signed with the New York Yankees. Combined with injuries to fellow starters Marcum, Dustin McGowan, and soon after the season started, Jesse Litsch, the club's rotation was left decimated and the Blue Jays struggled to a 75-87 finish.

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Roy Halladay

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Ten years ago, commissioner Gary Bettman would come to the league's board of governors meetings and get besieged by questions about how the Canadian teams were going to survive. The conversation was considerably different over two days in Pebble Beach, where the league gave indications it was looking to increase its exposure in the country.

"The cycles of life never cease to amaze me," Bettman said after the meetings wrapped up yesterday. "Yes, I remember very clearly the prognostications by some of your (media) colleagues that there would be one team left in Canada and everybody else would be in the United States. And now, the prognostication is, 'No, we've got clubs that need to move out of the United States.'"

"It wasn't right originally, and it's not right now. But it's part of what we deal with."

The most notable piece of news to come out of the meetings was Bettman's acknowledgment that the league would like to create a second outdoor game to be held in Canada next season. The NHL had looked at holding one at Calgary's McMahon Stadium this year, but couldn't make the timing work, according to the commissioner.

A game in the 2010-11 season would likely be played on CBC's Hockey Day in Canada. Bettman said all six Canadian teams have expressed interest in participating in it.

"We didn't ask for a document sworn to under oath, but in the course of conversations, I think every one of the Canadian clubs has said either 'we want to host and be in it or at least be in it,'" Bettman said.

Somewhat surprisingly, there was no discussion about possible expansion/relocation opportunities for Quebec City, Winnipeg or a second team in the Toronto area.

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Saskatoon plan

One Canadian city that was part of the discussion is Saskatoon because the Ice Edge group would like to have the Coyotes play five regular-season games there. While some governors quietly said they weren't crazy about the plan, none seemed willing to mount strong public opposition for fear of hampering the sale.



Chelsea's Fabio Borini, right, battles for the ball with Portsmouth's Steve Finnan yesterday during their Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge Stadium in London.

Lampard's late penalty gives Chelsea win over Portsmouth

Frank Lampard scored a late penalty yesterday to give Chelsea a 2-1 win over last-place Portsmouth that restored its three-point lead at the top of the Premier League.

Chelsea looked to be heading for a fifth game without a win until defender Mark Wilson was penalized for a foul on Branislav Ivanovic and Lampard hit the resulting penalty past goalkeeper Asmir Begovic.

Chelsea has 40 points to defending champion Manchester United's 37, and eight more than third-place Arsenal, which drew 1-1 at Burnley.

Niko Kranjcar scored twice to help fifth-place Tottenham beat Manchester City 3-0 and hand its rival just a second league defeat, while Liverpool rose to sixth with a 2-1 win over Wigan.

Chelsea lost its perfect home record

at the weekend when it drew 3-3 with Everton and its fans were agitated again after on-loan striker Frederic Piquionne equalized for Portsmouth following a free kick that rebounded off the defensive wall.

But Lampard stepped up to score his sixth penalty of the season and prevent a repeat of the jeers that followed the team off the Stamford Bridge pitch at the weekend.

"It was very hard," Chelsea coach Carlo Ancelotti said. "After their goal, we had some difficulties and we lost our composure. We didn't have confidence to win the game because we did not win the last four games."

"It was very important to return to wins. We did a good job; not a beautiful job."

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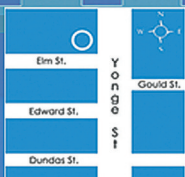


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Sometimes gadgets go beyond simple necessity and actually inspire the imagination with their creativity, practicality or cleverness. After all, what is great technology if not the truest example of human ingenuity?

Here are some of this year's coolest gadgets:

Savant starts at \$6,100

Remember all that talk years ago about being able to control things like the stove and air conditioner in all parts of your home remotely? Well, it looks like that reality is finally more than hot air — be-

The uCorder wearable camcorder, below, is small enough to carry around with you.

hold the Savant, a unified console that can link to your wireless Apple device and lets you control all the important stuff in your home from one place, or even anywhere in the world. Yes, you can whip out your iPhone in Paris to turn down the heating in your empty Canadian condo. Pull up a picture of a particular room in your home and control things in that specific room like lights, security systems and even your stereo system remotely. It's not



The IlaDusk women's personal safety alarm is just \$29.

cheap, but for the people drooling over it, price will probably be no obstacle to getting this thing.

uCorder wearable camcorder \$90-\$120

Tiny and convenient, the uCorder is a nifty little video camera small enough to actually carry around with you so you'll be ready to tape your next lecture, whale sighting or hilarious karaoke moment instead of just wishing you had brought your large clunker along. Measuring 3.5-inches tall, 1-inch wide and 0.5-inch thick, it's definitely one of the smallest video cameras around. It easily fits into a shirt pocket or clips to a lanyard and can even be pinned to clothing for your next

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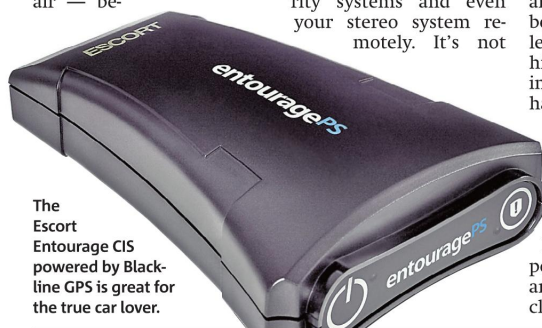
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For many, music is actually at the top of their wish list. With others, it's a safe, keep-on-giving bet ... provided you know their aural tastes. Regardless, navigating music store shelves can be daunting, with the thousands of albums released this year. That's why we here at Metro have compiled what we believe to be some of the strongest releases of 2009. Hopefully they'll give you ideas and your beloved audiophile endless holiday cheer.

Pop

Britney, Beyoncé and Pink released albums in 2008, so this year has seen more touring than new music from the major pop sensations. Still, one could do worse on the PG Richter scale than to pick up **Hannah Montana's** latest album **3** (Walt Disney Records). If your kids prefer her sans a.k.a., **Miley Cyrus' The Time of Our Lives** (Hollywood) was noted as a strong affair, as was **The Jonas Brothers' Lines, Vines And Trying Times** (Hollywood).

Rock

For beneficiaries above driving age, surf the rock section. Back for another instalment of anthemic radio tunes, **Bruce Springsteen** issued his 16th album **Working On A Dream** (Columbia), garnering a Number One slot on sales charts. Similarly, Irish rockers **U2** had their own chart-topper with 12th effort **No Line On The Horizon** (Interscope) and former grunge boys **Pearl Jam's** ninth **Backspacer** (Monkeywrench) hit the mark as well.

Holding up the independent world, alt-country crooner **Neko Case's** **Middle Cyclone** (Anti/Epitaph) simply rocked reviewers

Rockers will flip at AC/DC's collection Backtracks

and public alike, whereas brash garage rock revivalists **The Black Lips** scored with **200 Million Thousand** (Vice).

Extreme

As for metal, did **Metallica's** **Death Magnetic** (Elektra) reign supreme? Not exactly. It sold well, but in terms of value, rivals **Megadeth** out-metal their colleagues with **Endgame** (Roadrunner). Still, they're both no match for thrash metal giants **Slayer** and ravenous, could-scare-the-heck-out-of-Stephen-King affair **World Painted Blood** (American). Back home, Toronto-based outfit **Sacricrifice** returned from a 15-year silence to woo headbangers universally with their newest **The Ones I Condemn** (Sonic Unyon).

A heartbeat away from metal, punk was just as active this year. There were a plethora of great records, but Winnipeg's political activists **Propagandhi** particularly

nailed us to the wall on **Supporting Cast** (G7 Welcoming Committee), a rousing blast of expedient music with intelligent messages. On the lighter end of the spectrum, renowned pop/punkers **Green Day** will bring smiles to the greenhorn/curious punk fans with their acclaimed rock opera **21st Century Breakdown** (Reprise).

Country

Is that special someone more line dance than head bang? No worries. Old country held its own this year: **Brooks & Dunn** (**Cowboy Town**, Arista Nashville), **Hank Williams Jr.** (**127 Rose Avenue**, Curb), **Rosanne Cash** (**The List**, Manhattan), **Randy Travis** (**Around The Bend**, Warner), **Reba McEntire** (**Keep On Loving You**, Starstruck) and **George Strait** (**Twang**, MCA Nashville) all released albums worthy of their legacies/kept up with the new coun-

try heroes who won't be mentioned here.

Box sets

Something a little more glamorous is necessary? Fear not. 2009 has some of the greatest repackaging in history. Rockers will flip their wig (pun hopefully not intended) at Aussie mainstays **AC/DC's** **Backtracks** (Columbia), a collection of album and live rarities spanning their 35-year career, housed in an amplifier-shaped case and boasting too many bonuses to comprehend.

A jaw-dropping "wow" is inevitable with indie rock founders **The Pixies'** debut box set **Minotaur** (4AD). It features 24K gold-plated CDs of their entire catalogue, video discs of performances and more. For the die-hard, a limited edition has all the music on vinyl, 72-page hardcover book and other

bonuses housed in, get this, a custom clamshell.

Not to be outdone, **The Beatles** have their own collection for the discerning music fan this year. **Stereo Box Set** (Apple/EMI) finds the Fab Four in, well, stereo. Each of their 15 studio albums has been digitally remastered/packaged with album art, liner notes, rare photographs and short documentary films. If that's a bit much, no sweat. Re-mastered versions of each album will also be sold individually.

These are but a few examples of 2009's wonderful onslaught of music for all tastes. Yet it might make navigating music store shelves — and employees — a little less stressful.



Rockers will flip at AC/DC's collection Backtracks



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Baby, it's cold outside



Knit gloves with button detail, \$9.99, at Winners. For store hours and locations, call 1-877-946-6877 or visit winners.ca.

Trapper hat, \$19, by Joe Fresh Style. For more, go to joe.ca.



Team Canada scarf, \$20, and Team Canada toque, \$20. Available at The Bay.



Wool fringe scarf, \$24.50 at Gap. For more, go to gapcanada.com.



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Red wool coat, \$89, by Joe Fresh Style. For more, go to joe.ca.



MICHAEL Michael Kors black side lace-up leather gloves, \$98. For availability, call 1-866-733-5677.



T-Max ladies vest, \$54.99, at Mark's Work Warehouse. For more, go to marks.com.



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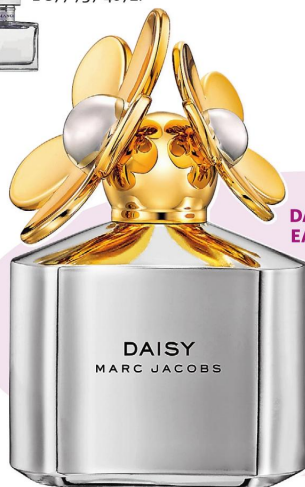
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Scent-sational



Viva Box Collector's Fragrance Sampler for Her, \$45, includes seven samples of women's fragrances, such as Romance by Ralph Lauren and Stella by Stella McCartney. Available at Sephora. For more, call 1-877-737-4672.

Cranberry LOVE Eau de toilette, \$12 for 15 mL. Available at Fruits & Passion stores across Canada. For more, go to fruits-passion.com.

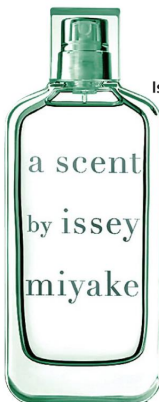


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Issey Miyake A Scent, \$44-\$150, uses notes of hyacinth and galbanum with verbena and jasmine. Available at Murale stores across Canada. For more, go to murale.ca.



Chloe Perfumed Bath Soap, \$55 for a set of two, is available exclusively at Holt Renfrew stores across Canada. **Chloe eau de parfum intense**, \$100-\$125, is available at department and drug stores across Canada. Chloe also comes in an eau de toilette (available at Holt Renfrew, The Bay and drug stores across Canada) for \$82-\$100.

Chloé

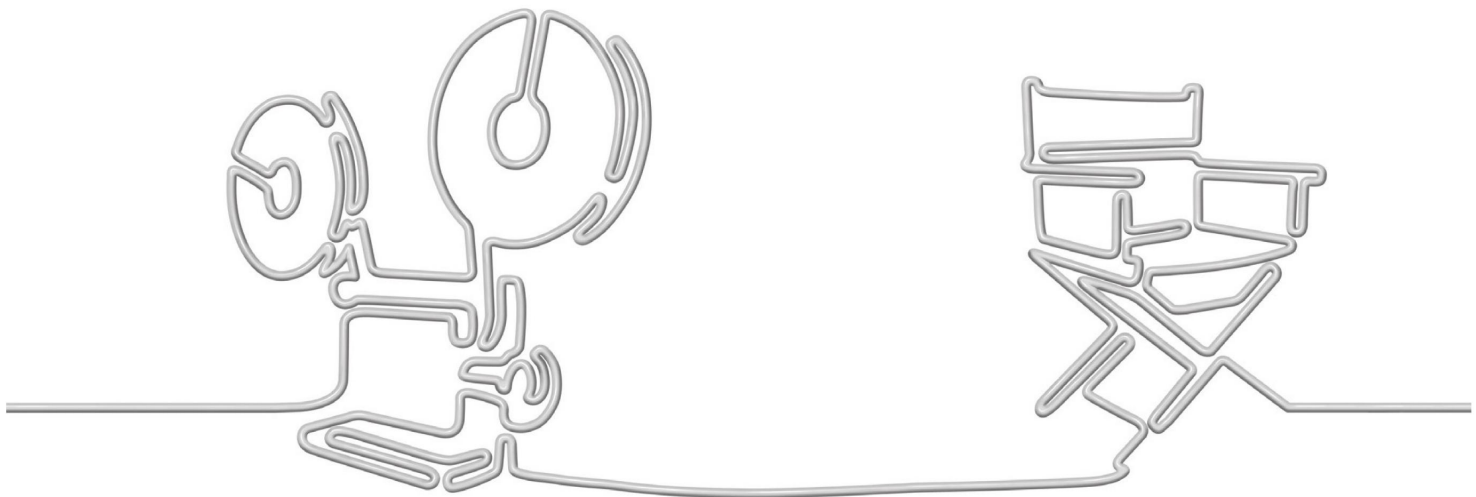
Signature Story by Victoria Beckham, \$59 (50 mL) or \$69 (75 mL). Available at drug and department stores across Canada.



Harajuku Lovers fragrances, \$32 for 10 mL. These collectible eaux de toilette feature Love, Lil' Angel, Music, Baby and G dressed like Snow Bunnies. Available for a limited time at Shoppers Drug Mart, Sears and drug stores across Canada. For more, go to HLfragrance.com or coty.com.



Fragrance sampler set, \$70 at Shoppers Drug Mart. Includes 10 samples plus a gift certificate for a full-sized bottle of your choice. For more, go to shoppersdrugmart.ca.



Careful with treats near pets

In a snapshot of a home decked out for a holiday celebration, trimmed trees adorned with lights and tables laden with treats are typically part of the scene.

But while festive decor and tantalizing edibles offers an undeniable feast for the senses, they may also serve as potential hazards to those of the four-legged variety.

Dr. Julie de Moissac, president of the Canadian

Veterinary Medical Association, says a number of seasonal staples would be better kept away from the paws of pets as they could lead to possible illness — or worse.

Among them are table scraps, like chicken, turkey, bones and gravy, said the mixed animal practitioner.

“Often times, pet owners are really good about not doing that, but it’s the relatives that come over and

they see the poor dog and they think they’re doing it a big favour by giving it little tidbits from the table,” she said from Outlook, Sask. “Often times, they’re too fatty for dogs and they cause stomach upset at best, or bone issues in the digestive tract would be the worst.”

Chocolate can also be quite toxic to animals, she noted.

“That seems to be in abundance over the holi-

days and dogs love it and they will eat it if they have the opportunity, so you have to be quite careful.”

Xylitol, a low-calorie artificial sweetener found in some baked goods, can lead to liver injury or sometimes liver failure, she said.

The CVMA also recommends keeping alcohol and bottles out of reach. Vomiting, wobbly gait, depression, disorientation and/or hypothermia are all



Holiday treats could cause potential harm to your pets.

signs of intoxication in pets. As for festive foliage, Christmas trees and their

decorations can also pose hazards.

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Grooming gifts for him

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Guys, don't even try to pretend you wouldn't appreciate quality grooming products as a gift — at least it would save you shopping for yourself.

Here's a round-up of great-hair and great-skin stuff to put on your holiday wish list. You know you want it.

Get your morning tingle here: **L'Oréal Professionnel Homme Energic Ice Mint + Ginseng Shampoo**.

Wakey, wakey! Available for \$14.50; go to loreal-professionnel.ca for salons.

We know you love a multi-tasker: **Fruits & Passion F/P Homme 003 Shower Gel Hair and Body** is a hair-to-

toes deal. Available for \$15 at Fruits & Passion boutiques.

The **Gillette Scrubber** is a manly shower puff so you can get your scrub on. Available for \$4.99 at drugstores. For revved-up dry-skin sloughing, try the **Dermologica Ultimate Buffing Cloth** with shower gel, then lotion up

— no joke — within three minutes of towelling off. Available for \$24; go to dermalogica.ca for retailers.

Toronto-based Bill Baker created organic skin and body care because his sensitive skin asked for it. His **Consonant Body Pure Unscented Organic Foaming Face Wash** and **Body Lotion** might answer your skin's call too. Available for \$18 and \$22 at The Bay, select Sears stores, and consonantbody.com.

Oxy Acne Fighting Face Formula Face Wash is part of a whole facial grooming line that helps put the kybosh on breakouts. Available for \$11 at drug stores.

The Art of Shaving and Gillette teamed up to produce the high-end **Fusion Chrome Collection Power Razor**, with micro-pulse action for better glide and a spotlight to show

up those hard-to-see spots. Available for \$150 at Harry Rosen and Holt Renfrew.

More for your sensitive side: **Nivea for Men Easy Cross Shave Gel**, \$6, and **La Roche-Posay XY Homme Anti-Redness Normalizing Balm**, \$27. Both at drug stores.

With its sleek design, roller-ball tip and cooling formula, **Biotherm Homme High Recharge Yeux Anti-Fatigue Cold Eye Serum** could be the easiest way to get a you to use an under-eye treatment — whaddya say? Available for \$40 at drug stores.

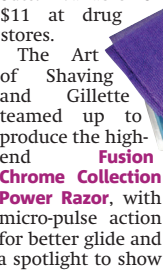
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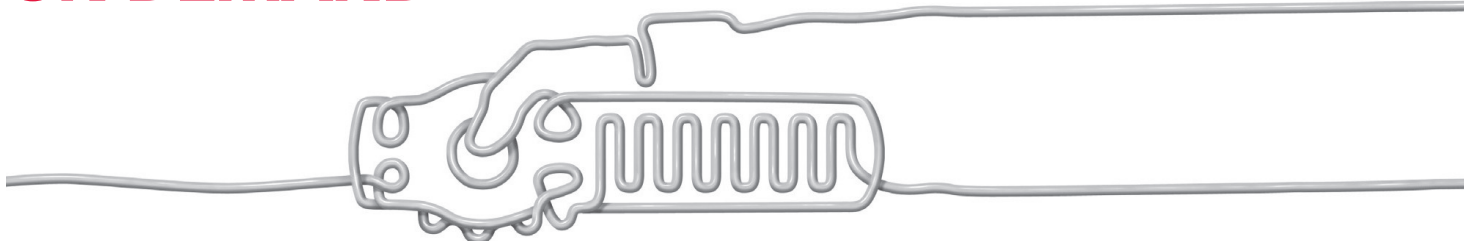
buying **Neostatra Intense Daytime Total Anti-Age Complex SPF 15** for yourself means you've definitely learned

something about effective anti-wrinkle skin-care from swiping from your lady's stash. Props. Available for \$84 at drug stores.

Good for your hair and environmentally responsible: **David Babaii for Wildaid Volcanic Ash Sculpting Clay**, \$13 at Sears or DB4Wildaid.com.



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This True Blue Spa Toe the Line gift box, \$28, is sure to be a hit. Available at all Bath & Body Works stores across Canada. For more, go to bathandbodyworks.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Hot picks for high school kids

Nothing says Christmas with teenagers quite like the eye-roll as they open their presents.

High schoolers are a particularly difficult group to buy for, as their desires are often quite narrow and tied to their peer group. You're not just buying for them, but for their entire clique.

That Twilight edition Bella Swan doll (\$139.99 US at FAO Schwarz) that might thrill your pop culturista will probably mortify your average environmental activist.

Here are some suggestions for negotiating this minefield:

SCI-FI GEEK: Star Wars

hoodie by Marc Ecko. The hood zips up in front to form a helmet such as those worn by X-wing pilots in the movies. You'll get a "Roger, Rogue Leader" for making this \$150 purchase at Shopecko.com

FASHIONISTA: On-The-Fold dress from Anthropologie,

\$188, matching cardigan \$118. So tasteful you could eat them.

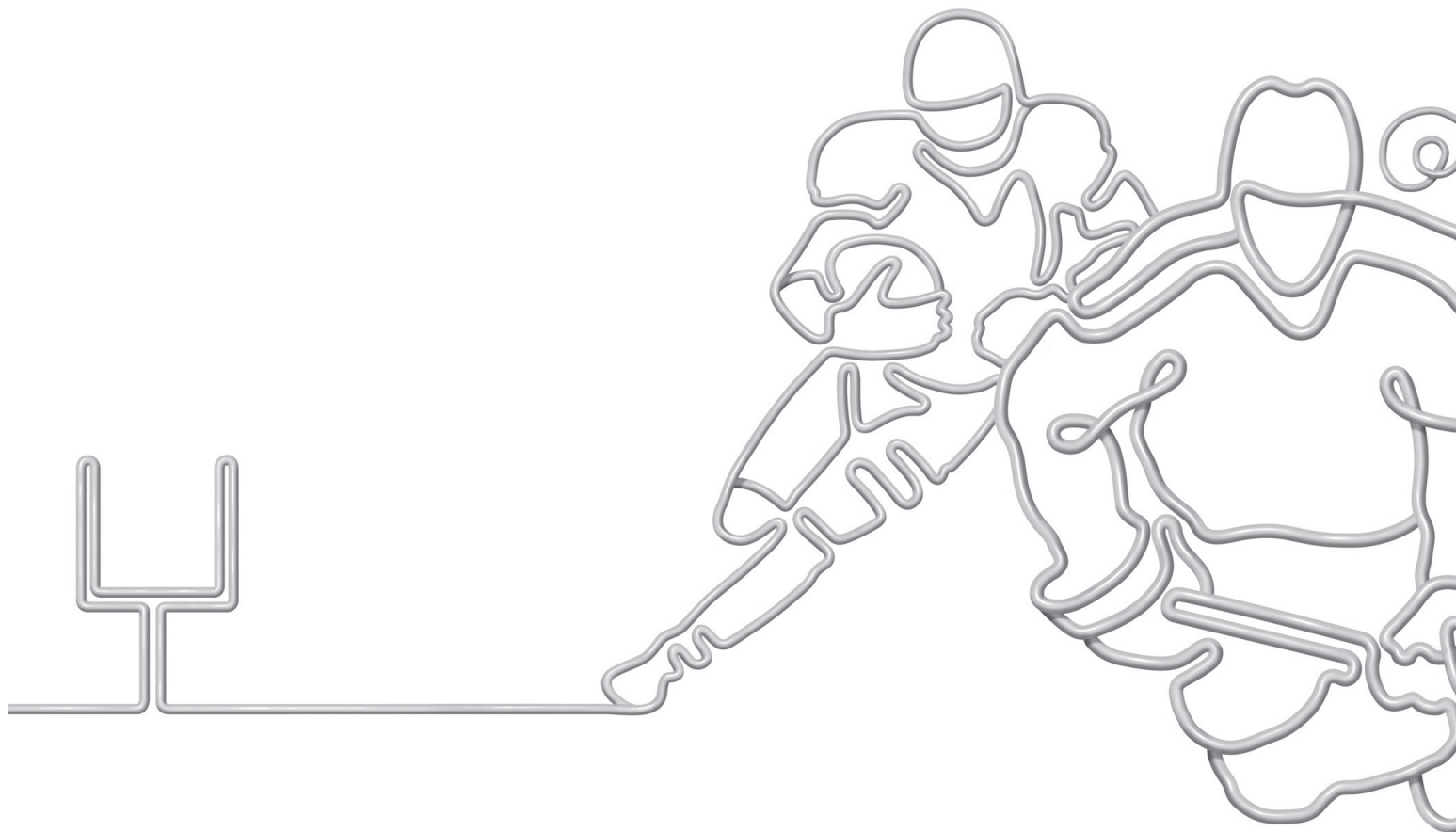
MALE JOCK: For the basketball player on your list, a new video The Decade of Excellence celebrates underdog favourite Gonzaga's amazing run of college basketball success. \$20 at gozags.com.

FEMALE JOCK: Fitflops, shoes that provide a workout for legs while walking. \$42 at Victoria's Secret.

ACTIVIST: Think globally but carry handbags made out of recycled candy wrappers, newspapers or subway maps. \$28 at uncommon goods.

TECHIE: Oakley sunglasses with a built-in MP3 player, \$51.99 at Amazon.com.

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The Eco Christmas Gift Wrap has a small, lined pouch with a Velcro closure.

Handmade gift bags one-of-a-kind

Put down the tape dispenser and the wrapping paper.

Instead, make your own gift bags this holiday season. They can be done in a snap, and in their homemade splendour, they become part of the gift.

There's a gift bag for every sewing level; if you have sharp scissors and holiday-themed fabric, you're ready to go.

Non-sewers can turn to

furoshiki, a Japanese term for a simple square of fabric into which nearly anything can be tied. Crafters who can sew a straight line may want to try a cinched gift bag, while more advanced sewers can tackle something like the eco-wrap pouch created by craft blogger Jessica Okui.

The cinched gift bag is a favourite of Shawn Whyte, of Helena, Mont., who got tired of the mess generated

by paper gift bags and wrapping. She began folding fabric in half and sewing it up the sides, often with a drawstring or ribbon sewn inside. She's been whipping out these simple, colourfully patterned fabric bags for seven years, and throws nearly every gift into them.

Whyte learned a valuable lesson along the way. "Initially, I put a lot of effort into the bag, as it was

part of the gift. I would hem the edges, and do everything to make it look great," she says. "Then I cut myself some slack and figured out a way to whip them together — super simple, no fancy sewing."

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A furoshiki is a reusable, way to wrap holiday gifts.



Fashion-forward

Moxie Girlz Art-titude dolls, \$14.99-\$34.99, include accessories and clothing that girls can custom-design. Available at major retailers across Canada. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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STUDENT LEADER: Future Tracy Flick can read Sarah Palin's book *Going Rogue*, \$14.50 at Amazon.com.

SLACKER: Clocky, an alarm clock on wheels that will jump off the nightstand, drive away and keep ringing if the student does not get up right away. No more hitting the snooze button a dozen times.



\$49.99 at Target.

EXTREME ATHLETES: Tony Hawk RIDE, a motion-sensing skateboard deck for video games. Allows you to simulate shredding the mountain from your living room. \$119 at Wal-

mart.

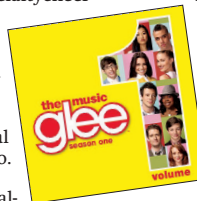
GAMER: Subscription for a year of play on Xbox Live, along with latest version of Call of Duty and headphones for directing your group's fire on all those Nazi zombies.

CHEERLEADERS: Tote bags that resemble a female torso, with "CHEER" written on the front, as if you couldn't already tell who the cheerleaders were. In var-

ious school colours, \$24.95 at 4specialtycheer-leader.com.

THESPIANS: Gift certificate for professional headshots from local photo studio.

PREPPIES: Italian cashmere sweater in Heather Twilight or Heather Waterfall from J. Crew, \$188.



BAND GEEKS: The Beatles: Rock Band will lend them some cool. Around \$49 at many places.

GLEE CLUBBERS: Hit the high notes with Glee, the Music, Vol. 1, \$12.99 on iTunes, or Glee, Season One, \$49.99 on iTunes.

INVESTMENT CLUBBERS:

Invest in their morals with books about swindler Bernie Madoff, including Erin Arvedlund's *Too Good to Be True* and Jerry Oppenheimer's *Madoff With the Money*.

SPICOLIS: Copy of Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back.

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And guess what? People loved them just as much as the ones that took a lot of time.

What's amusing is that friends hoard Whyte's crafted bags. "Until people get about five from me, they won't reuse them," she says.

Okui, of the San Francisco Bay area, also created her fabric gift wraps to reduce the piles

of crumpled gift paper on Christmas mornings. Her Eco Christmas Gift Wrap is a lined pouch perfect for smaller, more delicate gifts, or anything that needs special presentation. "It's really not that difficult to make," says Okui. "I don't consider myself an advanced seamstress."

Instructions are available on her crafting blog site, Zakka Life (under the craft projects' "Christmas" category).

Okui also enjoys making the furoshiki, traditionally

used in Japan to wrap anything from books to melons, throughout the year. "We use them more for potlucks to bring food," says Okui, adding that dinner hosts love receiving these simple wrapping cloths.

"It's something different," says Okui. "Anything that's different is going to appeal to someone."

Wrapping something in a furoshiki isn't always simple; there are more than a dozen ways to wrap objects, depending on

whether you're wrapping a box or something more unusual, say, a fishing pole.

The government of Japan offers downloadable instructions for how to wrap a furoshiki 14 ways, at this PDF: env.go.jp/en/focus/attach/060403-5.html. Or search YouTube.com for video instructions.

Cindy Hopper, a craft blogger in Topeka, Kan., is an ardent furoshiki fan.

"I am totally taken with this method for wrapping gifts," Hopper says on her

crafting blog. Skip To My Lou. "It is not only beautiful but also eco-friendly."

Hopper recommends the book *Wrapagami* (St. Martin's Griffin, 2009) for its beautifully photographed examples of furoshiki wrapping.

Lightweight fabrics, such as silk, work best for furoshikis, but Hopper says anything can be used, even burlap. Or go simpler and use a bandanna, large dinner napkin, scarf or scraps of old clothing.

She recommends start-



You can make simple gift bags from colorful, holiday-themed fabric tied with ribbon.

ing with a 50-by-50-centimetre fabric square (the standard size is larger, 71-by-71 centimetres). Hem it — or don't. Fabric can be cut with pinking shears to limit unravelling.

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Starbucks Christmas Blend (a.k.a. Starbucks Holiday Blend) is available in 1 lb (\$17.95) and 1/2 lb (\$9.65) bags. Available at Starbucks locations across Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Year's best in beauty gifts

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Smoother hair, stronger and longer lashes, brighter eyes, better skin — it's been a good beauty year.

Here's what's tops in 2009.

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Easy gift ideas for fussy foodies

Stymied by what to get the fussy foodie in your life?

Take this bit of advice — we all have more than enough aprons (kitschy, frilly, manly, profane and otherwise) that we don't wear; bottles of decorative vinegars consume valuable kitchen real estate and are so '90s; and with only two hands we can use only so many pot holders.

If you want to please a picky cook, look for gifts that solve problems and make work easier, or at least make it easier to love the work. Here are some suggestions that may make this year's holiday gift hunt a little less stressed.

HOST GIFT

When headed to someone's house for dinner, anyone can bring a bottle of wine or bouquet of flowers. To make an impression, head to the grocer and get a stalk of brussels sprouts, instead. A stalk of sprouts (usually 60 to 90 inches) has a rustic beauty and is easily dressed up with a ribbon or a wrap of tissue paper. The stalks are in season, cost just a few dollars and

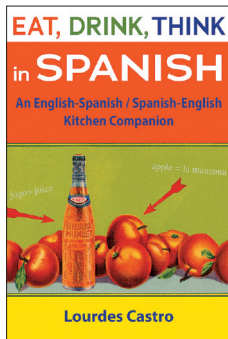


your host gets to eat the sprouts the next day. Sprouts not your thing? Form a large cone out of butcher's paper or heavy-duty wrapping paper. Fold and tape the bottom of the cone, then fill it with pecans and walnuts (in the shell). Top the nuts with a wedge of Parmesan cheese and a nut cracker.

STOCKING STUFFERS

For the foodie with a techie bent (and an iPhone or iPod), consider getting an **iTunes gift card**. Sure, they can download some tunes to jam to while whipping up dinner, but there are also numerous apps that make cooking easier and more fun. Spend some time searching iTunes and assemble a list of suggestions for your recipient. There are food and wine pairing apps, and recipe and grocery list options galore.

Hispanic food is where it's at, but if you don't speak the language, venturing beyond



chain restaurant offerings can be intimidating. Which makes Lourdes Castro's new pocket-style dictionary, **Eat, Drink, Think in Spanish** (Ten Speed Press) so helpful.

Like most translation dictionaries, Castro's is divided into English-Spanish and Spanish-English sections. It will have your foodie navigating Hispanic markets with ease.

UTILITY OVER BEAUTY

Like measuring cups and wooden spoons, no kitchen can have enough towels. Skip the decorative ones found at most homes stores; they are pricey and not all that absorbent. So-called

flour sack towels, the variety used in many professional kitchens, are a better choice. These thin but large cotton towels wipe clean and absorb well. They are available at a bargain price from many online retailers.

Most home cooks don't have good knives. And those who do often don't take proper care of them,

which includes regular sharpening. Do your favourite cook a favour and get a gift certificate for knife sharpening. (Some hardware shops and many online specialty stores



offer this service.)

Or give them a good knife. To give your foodie a real edge, check out the Miyabi line of Japanese-style knives from **Zwilling J.A. Henckels**. These ultra-sharp knives are beautifully balanced, hold their edge well and sport an unusually long but comfortable handle. Prices vary by style of knife.

FOR KIDS

Involve children in the kitchen by giving them their own knives

at a very young age. Teaching children how to safely use a knife can be easy. For example, get them to follow this one simple rule: If one hand is on the knife, the other has to be at their side and off the cutting board. This makes it virtually impossible for kids to cut themselves. This approach doesn't

out of your child's hand.

Not ready to arm your toddler with a knife? There are plenty of working cooking sets and utensils marketed especially for children. **Playful Inc.'s Playful Chef Kit**, for example, includes a variety of kid-size tools, an apron and recipe cards colour-coded to the tools. The kits, available in two sizes, come in a backpack for storing the gear.

FOR BIG SPENDERS

Got a cook who simply must have the latest and greatest? Think they would mind waiting until the day after Christmas?

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The pans are available from Williams-Sonoma.

Expect to pay about \$800 for a 10-piece

initially teach proper knife skills (having one hand at your side doesn't allow for holding the food being cut), but it fosters confidence working with knives and food.

If you are going to give a young child a knife, grip and length are important. Try the **Rachel Ray Furi Gusto Grip Li'l Edgy 5-Inch Santoku Knife**, which has a brightly coloured, sticky silicone grip. It's a good length and won't slip



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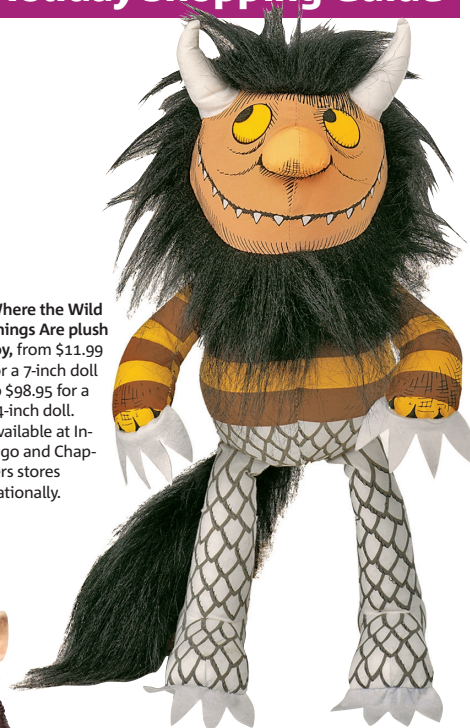
What Christmas is all About Linus doll, \$12.95. Press his foot and he says lines from A Charlie Brown Christmas. Available at Hallmark, hallmark.ca.



In the Night Garden talking plush dolls, \$19.99 each. There's Igglepiggle, Makka Pakka, at right, and Upsy Daisy (not shown). Available at Walmart, Zellers and Toys R Us.



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Plush animals, \$12 each at Bath & Body Works stores across Canada. For more, go to bathandbodyworks.com.



Farmyard Skittles, \$29 at shopunicef.ca.



Eco Pals, \$19.99 each. These plush toys are made from all organic or recycled materials. Available at Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.



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Holiday hardware



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Porter Cable 18v lithium ion drill, \$199.99, comes with two Li-Ion batteries. Available at Canadian Tire, Lowe's and other home hardware centres across Canada.



Stanley 149-piece black chrome mechanics set, \$119, at Canadian Tire (canadiantire.ca). For more, go to stanleyhardware.com.

Stanley 684-piece household kit, \$12.97, includes nails, screws, thumbtacks, and more. Available at Walmart (walmart.ca). For more, go to stanleyhardware.com.



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Dewalt 18" pro contractor's closed-top tool bag, \$49.99, features 14 interior pockets to ensure that every nut and bolt has a spot. Available at Home Depot (homedepot.ca).



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Give him a comfy Christmas



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The Real Shaving Co. Mini Shave Kit, \$5.99, at Shoppers Drug Mart. For more, go to shoppersdrugmart.ca.



Men's Fruit of the Loom sleep sets, \$15 each, at Walmart. For more, go to walmart.ca.



Fairisle sweater, \$39, by Joe Fresh Style. For more, go to joe.ca.

Canvas shaving case with leather trim, \$16.99, at Winners. For more, call 1-877-946-6877 or visit winners.ca.



PI sets, \$19 each, by Joe Fresh Style. For more, go to joe.ca.



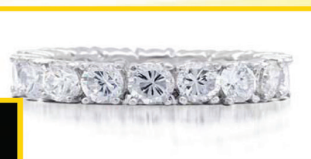
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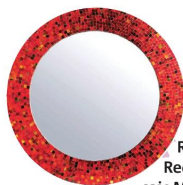
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Star Wars fans will love this Play-Doh R2D2 playset, \$22.99, which includes an Anakin book mould. Available at Walmart, Zellers and Toys R Us. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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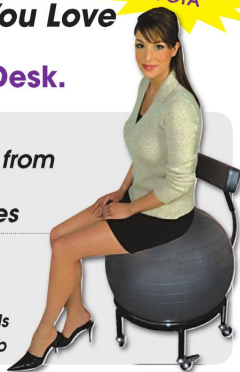
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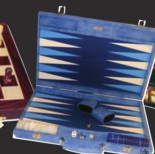
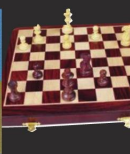
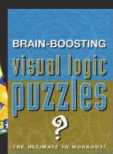
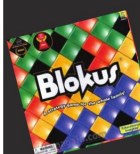


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Ballerina dress, \$14, by Joe Fresh Style. For more, go to joe.ca.



Zoe & Zac red tily ballet flat, \$39.99, at Payless. Available in select stores across Canada. For more, go to canada.payless.com or call 1-877-474-6379.



Sweater dress, \$19.99, at Winners. For more, call 1-877-946-6877 or visit winners.ca.



Charcoal cardigan coat, \$108, by Stella McCartney for GapKids and baby-Gap. For more, go to gapcanada.com.

Skating coat, \$45, by Joe Fresh Style. For more, go to joe.ca.



Jolie diamond rhinestone barrettes, \$9.99, and **Jolie flower pearl barrettes**, \$8.99. Available at Shoppers Drug Mart. For more, go to shoppersdrugmart.ca.



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Pail of Polishes, \$14.99, at Winners. For more, call 1-877-946-6877 or visit winners.ca.



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Heritage brooch, \$105, by Swarovski. For more, go to swarovski.com.



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We've all been there: A friend, neighbour or colleague has one drink too many at a party and slides from tipsy into sloppy before your eyes. Or maybe you were the one who kept the gossips in business the next morning.

Staying on the right side of the bubbly, beer or cock-

tails during the stressful holiday season isn't as easy as munching a few hors d'oeuvres at the top of an evening, but it's doable with a little finesse — by the drinker and the host alike.

Understanding how the body processes alcohol is a good place to start. Ignor-

ing wives' tales — such as coating your stomach with milk before drinking or thinking you can sober up with coffee — is another. Some advice:

DO THE MATH

Alcohol absorption and metabolism vary from person to person. Variables such as

food in the stomach, body composition, body size, gender and medications are all important in how a person responds to alcohol.

Consider this example: A one-ounce shot of 80-proof distilled spirits (bourbon, rum, gin, vodka, whiskey and many liqueurs) will produce in the average 150-pound man a blood alcohol concentration of about .02 per cent. In a smaller drinker, say 120 pounds, the same amount would likely produce an alcohol concentration at or near .03 per cent. For comparison's sake, the limit for drivers to be considered legally drunk is .08 in most places.

The liver can metabolize only a certain amount of alcohol per hour, allowing it to accumulate in the bloodstream when consumed quickly, so having only one drink per hour could help you keep pace. A regular-size drink usually refers to one, 12-ounce beer, five ounces of wine or 1½ ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits. The body would need two to three hours to break down those amounts, says Kim Galeaz, a registered dietitian and consultant to the food and beverage industry.

EAT UP

Recent studies have cast doubt on certain foods having more impact than others on slowing alcohol absorption, says Carlton Erickson, director of the Addiction Science Research Education Center and a professor of pharmacology at the University of Texas at Austin.

"As long as you're eating and drinking at the same time, that's the important thing," he says.

Without food in the stomach to slow absorption, alcohol travels quickly through the small intestine and into the bloodstream.

Party hosts looking to avoid drunken guests should circulate more than just a few nibbles throughout the evening rather than relegating the nosh to remote tables or running out of food early as alcohol continues to flow.

Tim Laird, chief entertaining officer for Brown-Forman Corp., which produces Jack Daniel's and Woodford Reserve, among several other wines and spirits, recommends self-serve food stations scattered around a party stocked with mini sandwiches of beef or pork tenderloin, along with Bruschetta, cheese and cracker platters, fresh cut vegetables and dips and easy-to-grab desserts such as bars and brownies.

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Great flavours for the holidays

Smoked Salmon Rosette

INGREDIENTS:

- 350 g Sensations by Compliments Sliced Smoked Atlantic Salmon
- ¼ cup Compliments Pepper Goat's Milk Cheese
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp capers
- 1 egg, hard boiled and grated
- Dill, for garnish

METHOD:

1 Slice salmon into 12 thin 2-cm wide strips. Lay out each strip on a flat surface. Place 1 tsp of goat's milk cheese at one end and roll into a rosette.

2 Place rosette upwards. Top with shallot and 1 caper. Sprinkle with grated egg and garnish with dill. Repeat with remaining salmon strips.

Makes 12 small rosettes.

Raspberry Coulis

INGREDIENTS:

- 600 g Compliments frozen raspberries
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 3 tbsp water

METHOD:

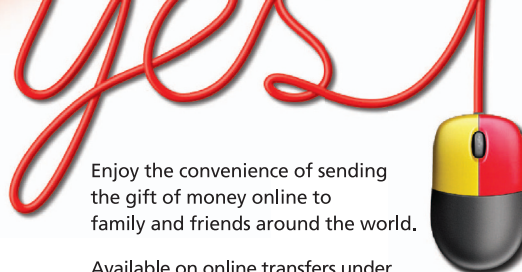
1 In a small saucepan on medium-high heat, combine raspberries, sugar and water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for five minutes.

2 Blend together with an immersion blender until smooth. Strain through a fine sieve and let cool before serving.

Serves 16.

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Try these tricks



• Monitor your motor skills as an indicator of intoxication by moving around at a party or in a bar rather than sitting in one place. Parties can be difficult

for many people, but falling down at one probably won't make things easier.

• Try putting a drink down on a table or bar between sips to slow down consumption to no more than one or two drinks per hour. If you're a fast drinker, try beer over wine or spirits. More than five drinks

of any alcoholic beverage in an evening is probably too many. Keep count.

• Avoid drinking alcohol as a thirst quencher. It's not a good one. Intersperse alcoholic drinks with glasses of water to stay hydrated and satisfy thirst, especially when consuming salty or dry foods.

• Knocking back a stiff drink to stay warm while carolling or during other winter activities is a misconception, says Kim Galeaz, a registered dietitian and consultant to the food and beverage industry. Alcohol tends to increase your body's heat loss, making you more susceptible to cold.

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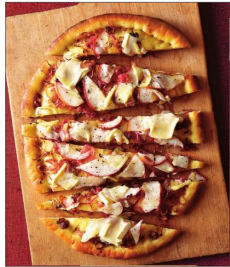


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Holiday Shopping Guide



Caramelized Onion, Pear and Brie Flatbread, by Sobeys.

Flatbread sure to make impression

Caramelized Onion, Pear & Brie Flatbread

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 medium onion, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 Sensations by Compliments Regular Flatbread
- 1 pear each (medium-sized)

green and red, cored and thinly sliced

- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 wheel Compliments double cream brie cheese, cut into thin slices

METHOD:

- 1 Preheat oven to 400 F. Heat 1 tbsp of olive oil

in a sauté pan over medium-high heat and caramelize the onion. Season with fresh thyme, salt and pepper. Set the flatbread out on a clean work surface and brush it with the remaining 1 tbsp of olive oil. Spread the caramelized onion evenly over the flatbread.

2 Fan the slices of pear around the bread in concentric circles all the way to the outer edges. Season the sliced pears with salt and pepper, then sprinkle with slices of brie cheese.

3 Bake in the centre of the oven for 10 to 12

minutes. The bottom of the flatbread should be crisp, brie melted and pears tender.

4 Let cool slightly, slice into 16 wedges and serve.

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Style



Moore models for Bulgari

With four Oscar nominations to her name, Julianne Moore can now add jewelry model to her already-impressive resume. The famous redhead will appear in Bulgari's spring/summer 2010 jewelry and watch advertising campaign. Shot by famed photographers Mert Alas and Marcus Piggot in a Beverly Hills house, Julianne models 115-carat Colombian teardrop emerald earrings, Serpenti snake bracelets and the label's new "Chandra" bag in chestnut and Prussian blue leather, according to Bulgari.

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It'll be a *blue* 2010

Pantone picks turquoise as next year's hottest shade

If colour is any guide, we'll be moving into vacation mode in 2010 with the world awash in tropical turquoise, forecasters say.

Turquoise was selected as the colour of 2010 by Pantone, a company that supplies and tracks colour for fashion and home decor, among other industries. Fashion insiders agreed the colour is on the rise.

"Turquoise is universally appealing. It puts everyone in the same state of mind — on vacation," says Jane



LEFT: Three-row, two-tone encased geometric stone stretch cuff (\$29.95). Le Chateau stores.

Schoenborn, design director at Lilly Pulitzer. "Turquoise for us is a really big colour. A lot of times it's transporting, whether you're actually going to a resort destination or not."

Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, says there was no runner-up to turquoise in her mind because people crave es-

capism and freshness after a tough year. The shade is on the cusp of blue and green, which makes it both inviting and serene — characteristics associated with blues — and invigorating and luminous, which comes from green, she says.

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ABOVE: Jacquard sparkle pashmina (\$22). Available at Le Chateau stores.



Springtime cruise necklace (\$65). Available at Banana Republic.



RIGHT: Striped shirt (\$33.99). Available at talbots.com.



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Local jewelry initiative aids abused women

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Where does old jewelry go after it has been put to rest?

If it's lucky it will go to Mimi and You, a Toronto-based necklace company that uses previously loved jewelry to make new items for their Celebrate Courage initiative.

Celebrate Courage is a series of workshops held by Mimi and You owners, Mitra and Mina Mortazavi. The workshops are held at women's shelters, where unique necklaces are made, then sold online with a portion of proceeds going to women's shelters in Canada.

Mitra Mortazavi says the initiative started when she began holding workshops at shelters to teach women jewelry design and develop a creative outlet.

"I saw the transformation in the women from when they went in to when they left," she says.

The team then began using the necklaces made at the workshops to in turn raise money for the same shelters, through a campaign, called Shelternet (shelternet.ca), which provides E-services, a website and training for women suffering from violence at home or who are in shelters. Mortazavi says the E-services provide many re-

sources for women because it can be accessed from anywhere, and information such as how to get out of an abusive relationship and where to go for help can be found simply by using your computer.

The Celebrate Courage (CC) necklaces sell online for \$45, with a range of colours and styles available. All are unique and handmade with various beads, ribbon and chains. The public can participate through workshops, and make their own unique necklace. The cost of the workshop is \$20. Participants can purchase their own creation at the end of the class or leave the necklace for someone to buy online.

Mortazavi says there are a lot of regulars who attend the workshops and points out that private workshops can also be arranged.

She says the most important part of the initiative is to raise awareness and stop violence against women.

"Violence is easy to end," says Mortazavi. "You don't need to find a cure."

To find out more about the workshops, donate or shop for necklaces, visit mimiandyou.com/courage.

Buy a CC necklace at mimiandyou.com



Jewelry design company Mimi and You host workshops at shelters to help abused women find a creative outlet. The necklaces created are then used to raise money for the same shelters.

A colour reminiscent of vacation

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"Transporting" was a word many used for turquoise, a shade that takes designer Tommy Hilfiger to the beach, especially the Caribbean, St. Tropez, France, or Southern California, which served as the inspiration for his newest collection. In jewelry, he thinks of the American Southwest, or Central or South America.

"The women in my life wear it on vacation and it looks great with a suntan at the beach," Hilfiger says.

Pantone's colour for 2009 was mimosa yellow, intended to carry a hopeful, optimistic message.



Trend-setter Michelle Obama wore turquoise this month when she unveiled the White House Christmas decorations.

Eiseman says the public is shifting gears as the economy shows some improve-

Turquoise tips

- Lilly Pulitzer's Jane Schoenborn calls the colour turquoise a "buy now, wear anywhere colour" because in cooler months it pairs with black and navy, and in the spring and summer it can be worn with white or coral.
- Textile quality is an issue with turquoise, says designer Tommy Hilfiger. It can be very luxe looking in the right fabric, but it risks looking cheap in a bad one.

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Wedding gown trends

At the most recent round of wedding fashion previews, insiders say there might have been a little less beading and fewer exotic trims to keep costs down, but there wasn't an industry-wide movement toward gowns on the cheap. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Double the denim

Yoga jeans are a hit with women of all sizes

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

Eric Wazana is very happy. So is the growing number of Canadian women of all ages and sizes who are getting into his pants.

Wazana is the owner and designer of Second Denim Co. (secondclothing.com), the Montreal-based Canadian company behind Yoga Jeans, which have been met with impressive national success since a PR push in February. In August, the company doubled its production facilities and is looking to double in size yet again in the new year to handle the steadily increasing demand.

The fabric is a key to the Yoga Jean success. Its three per cent elastane stretch makes the no-sag denim feel like leggings, but the flattering fits, cuts and range of high-fashion washes are all designer jean.

Michelle Germain, owner of Toronto boutique Shop-girls says that since stocking her shelves just nine months ago, she's sold about 1,500 pairs (she now also sells them online). "Women love them. The fabric holds everything in and smooths it all out comfortably whether you're carrying some extra weight or just had a baby," she explains.

At Germain's behest, there's also a high-rise version with a waistband just one inch higher than the original for customers who want to prevent a "muffin-top" bulge.

Second Denim and Shop-girls partnered to launch Feel Good, Real Good, a new online and in-store re-branding campaign featuring average-size women. "We've seen over and over the reactions our customers have to the fit and feel of Yoga Jeans," says Germain. "They appeal to women of all shapes, sizes, and ages from 16 to 75 who want to be comfortable but feel sexy, too." (Advice: turn the monitor volume down a bit to watch the youtube.com/yogajeans video.)

Brand new are plus-size skinny Yoga Jeans in sizes 14 to 24 (about \$130), which just hit select Addition-Elle stores across Canada. "When they heard about the brand, Addition-Elle approached us to create a boot-cut for their customer; it's been in stores about a year," says Wazana. "The skinny fit answers the demand for jeans that plus women can tuck into

their boots."

The size diversity also answers a creative need for the designer, who says he likes approaching his work from new angles. "Women

are sick of feeling like they have to be perfect to be beautiful," Wazana adds. "I've always thought the plus market has been overlooked by many designers."



Canadian company Second Denim Co., the brand behind the increasingly popular Yoga Jean styles, is expected to double its production of the anti-sag, designer denim in 2010.

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This red clutch with a zipper-lined flower is \$138 from Aldo.

Zippers proudly on display

An open zipper is an embarrassing faux pas, but an exposed zipper is all the rage.

The utilitarian garment closure is suddenly in the

spotlight as a decorative trim on accessories.

The Ugly Betty of the notions family, the zipper, with its garish metal teeth, was never admired like the

button, its close cousin which performs a similar fastening function and is proudly on display for all the world to see.

Even the zipper's birth-

place is uncertain. It is often claimed to have been invented in Canada by Swede Gideon Sundback, who patented a fastener design in 1917 and manufactured them in St. Catharines, Ont. Evidence exists, however, suggesting American Elias Howe held an earlier patent (1851) on a gizmo resembling the modern zipper.

While fashion readily embraced the design for its modernity and practicality, the zip was always hidden by plackets and folds of fabric. In the past few seasons, it was Lanvin designer Alber Elbaz who left the closures uncovered on his beautiful silk frocks, showing off the industrial-looking metal track like an exposed spine.

Now it appears that fashion is having a full-blown affair with the now-fashionable fastener and embracing it for purely decorative purposes. Suddenly those jagged little teeth are a thing of beauty.

Zippers are now folded and furled as pretty rosettes on a necklace or tied into pretty bows for your hair. They even outshine their functional counterparts on boots, snaking seductively around the foot.

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Album: The Element of Freedom **Label:** J/Sony Music
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

IF THERE'S ONE musician other artists should envy it's Alicia Keys. She's easily one of the most talented artists around, and continues to improve with every record. Her latest is an intensely passionate record about broken hearts, loneliness and finding strength. It might be a bit preachy, but with solid songwriting — the soaring Love is Blind is one of her most infectious tunes yet — blaring pipes and top notch piano playing, she's still far ahead of her peers.



AlbumReviews

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mid-life crisis. His wry wit shines though on A Lot to Drink About, a Buffett state-of-the-world address. He boils things down to essentials on Surfing in a Hurricane and Beautiful Swimmers. And when he reverts to cover other artists, he picks only the best — Bruce Cockburn (Life Short Call Now) and Jesse Winchester (Rhumba Man). Still, it's not going to win him over many new fans.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Robin Thicke

Album: Sex Therapy: The Session **Label:** Universal
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

UNTIL NOW, ROBIN Thicke has managed to create some of the most



inoffensive, yet still welcoming R&B sounds. His music was always nice, something you could play in front of your parents. His latest however, is all about doin' it. That would be all well and good if the music was as reliable as his past efforts. Songs like Make U Love Me, a stripped down, electrotinged club track with the



Alicia Keys sings about broken hearts, loneliness and finding strength on The Element of Freedom.

line "Mr. Big is in your hands" is nauseating, while It's The Mornin' or rather "sex in the morning" as he sings, is too R. Kelly for its own good.

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Timbaland

Album: Shock Value II **Label:** Interscope/Universal
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

THE TIMBALAND SOUND has dominated pop music for the past five years. Now, frankly, we're getting a bit tired of it. Tim sticks to the same formula



of synthetic clapbeats backing occasional flights of melody and autotone-tainted vocals from a revolving cast of A-list pop stars. Justin Timberlake and Nelly Furtado are back, sounding pretty much like all the other Timbaland stuff they've done, except without the hit potential. New dalliances with Katy Perry and Miley Cyrus would be forgettable if there was anything worth remembering about them. The interesting tracks here are the ones backed by Timbaland's little brother, rapper Sebastian, and Canadian singer Esthero. Still, it's hard to imagine this Tim-

baland sound continuing into the next decade without radical revision.

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Animal Collective

Album: Fall Be Kind **Label:** Domino
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

ANIMAL COLLECTIVE IS now sampling the Grateful Dead (Unbroken Chain from Mars Hotel), which just goes to show ... all good drugs lead to the same place. The problem is that nods to classics like the Dead or



acid-era Beach Boys only serve as reminders that the best psychedelic music is more than just collages of freaky sounds. Melody remains important as does poetic imagery. Sound effects should be in the background, keeping you wondering whether they're really there or not. Animal Collective chooses to push them into the foreground, leaving only remnants of the melodic patterns and choral flourishes that we know are there, somewhere. But, man, these sounds sure are freaky.

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Gucci Mane

Album: The State vs. Radric Davis **Label:** Warner
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

AS WE ALL know too well, being a rap star doesn't preclude one from a jail sentence. While Gucci Mane did beat a murder charge, he's now back in prison for violating parole. Luckily, he can stay in the spotlight with his new, and damn good, album. The appropriately titled The State vs. Radric Davis (his given name) is a pure southern rap disc. It's slow, plodding and chunky, just how a solid Atlanta hip-hop album should sound. And with a plethora of guest stars — Usher and Lil Wayne — his fans will no doubt wait for him.

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Jimmy Buffett

Album: Buffett Hotel **Label:** Mailboat/Fontana North
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

THIS IS AN impossible record to dislike, especially for the legions of Parrotheads out there. Buffett's songwriting craft has lost none of its ability to go to the places that mean most to his fans and veering somewhat left of



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Susan Boyle tops YouTube

The year's biggest hits on the Internet's top video channel were anchored by an improbable singing sensation, a groggy boy nursing a sore mouth, a bride and groom dancing down the wedding aisle, supernatural heartthrobs and roller-skating babies.

The eclectic cast of characters starring in YouTube's most-watched videos of 2009 served as a reminder of the quirky appeal of a website that accepts about 20 hours of new video every minute.

The list released yesterday marks the first time that YouTube has ranked its most-watched videos in any year since its 2005 inception.

YouTube's 2009 star was Susan Boyle, the frumpy Scottish woman who mesmerized the world with a heartwarming rendition of "I Dreamed A Dream" on a British talent show in April.

Boyle, now 48, ended up

taking second place in that competition, but no one came close to outshining her on YouTube. Her "Britain's Got Talent" videos attracted more than 120 million views worldwide.

That was more than the next three most-watched videos combined, according to YouTube.

The second spot, with more than 37 million views, was held by "David After Dentist," which featured a 7-year-old boy recovering from some dental work that left him feeling disoriented and wondering if he would ever feel normal again.

Third place went to "JK Wedding Entrance Dance," which captured an elaborate routine orchestrated by Jill Peterson and Kevin Heinz — flanked by their bridesmaids and groomsmen — just before their July marriage. It attracted more than 33 million views.

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Don't miss these gems

ADAM NAYMAN
For Metro Canada

Each year, more than 300 feature films are released in Toronto, so even attentive viewers could be forgiven for letting worthy titles slip through the cracks.

With that in mind, here are five superb 2009 efforts worth searching out on DVD. Don't make your personal end-of-year lists without them.

ACT OF GOD Jennifer Baichwal's multifaceted documentary on the effects of being struck by lightning didn't get half as much attention as her previous *Manufactured Landscapes*, but it's a comparably poetic and adventurous piece of work. The furiously-edited climax offers a dazzling fusion of image (storms in the Ontario wilds), music (improvised guitar thrashing) and voice (Paul Auster's mesmerizing collection of a close encounter with a bolt from above).

A PERFECT GETAWAY Dismissed as a late-summer multiplex throwaway, David Twohy's island-set thriller is actually a sly,



Askhat Kuchinchirekov stars as Asa, a young man searching for love, in *Tulpan*, Sergei Dvortsevov's comedy set on the scenic, wind-whipped steppes of Kazakhstan.

cutting commentary on class-hopping ambition. It also manages the nifty trick of simultaneously honoring and tweaking genre clichés: the home stretch is unapologetically propulsive, visceral action filmmaking.

Special kudos to Steve Zahn, Mila Jovovich, Kiele Sanchez and a never-better Timothy Olyphant: Oscar hype be damned, this was the year's best ensemble cast.

POLYTECHNIQUE Far from the exercise in style many feared it might be, Quebecois auteur Denis Villeneuve's vision of the Montreal massacre gradually reveals itself as a deeply compassionate gesture of remembrance, both towards the victims and to those laid low by survivor guilt.

Beneath its meticulously chilly black-and-white surfaces lies a warm and beating heart.

TOKYO SONATA A genius of tone and texture who often has trouble sustaining narrative momentum, Kiyoshi Kurosawa is the sort of master who never makes masterpieces — until now. The final scene of this kamikaze family melodrama is the year's most sublime screen moment, as a gesture of unequivocal beauty (a teenaged piano prodigy's performance of Debussy) leaves a classroom mute with reverence — or is that the sound of dread?

TULPAN The wind-whipped Kazakh desert is a character in Sergei Dvortsevov's debut feature, a comedy of survival about a hapless shepherd chasing unrequited love on the Hunger Steppe. The charming but unsentimental narrative plays out in a series of astonishing, documentary-style long takes in which humans and animals (namely sheep and camels) become intertwined.



Lightning strikes more than once in Jennifer Baichwal's poetic documentary *Act of God*.

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Reid mellows out

Tara Reid's hard-partying youth is over, and the star tells Playboy that she's now a mature, grounded woman who is out to show people she's not the Hollywood wild child anymore. "I'm happy with my life now, and I'd like to keep it this way." **POPEATER.COM**



Banton agrees to transfer

Jamaican reggae star will fight drug charge in Tampa court

Grammy nominated Jamaican reggae star Banton will fight a drug charge against him in Tampa instead of Miami.

Banton waived his bail hearing yesterday in Miami federal court. His case is being prosecuted in Tampa, where he will be transferred.

U.S. Magistrate Judge William Turnoff issued a temporary order of detention for the 36-year-old singer, whose real name is Mark Anthony Myrie.

Banton did not speak at the hearing, except to reply, "Yes, sir," to the judge's questions. Like the other 10 jail inmates waiting in the courtroom, he wore a beige jail jumpsuit over a white T-shirt, with his long dreadlocks tied up off his neck and his hands shackled in front of him.

"He believes that because the indictment was

filed out of Tampa, that's where the case should be defended," Banton's attorney, Herbert E. Walker III, said after the hearing.

Banton has been in federal custody since last Thursday. He is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine.

Walker said the charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

According to a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration affidavit, Banton and two others travelled to Sarasota last week to purchase a large amount of cocaine from an undercover law enforcement officer. The DEA was tipped off by a confidential informant who agreed to wear a recording device during the drug negotiation session.

Banton's attorney said

the singer is "completely innocent" of the charges against him.

"He's a very spiritual person," Walker said. "He has a lot of faith in God. He's confident he's going to be exonerated."

The husky-voiced Banton has been a major star

in his native Jamaica since the early 1990s with brash dancehall music and, more recently, a traditional reggae sound. His career has been stunted in the United States because of some song lyrics that advocated violence against gay men.

Earlier this month, Banton's ninth album, *Rasta Got Soul*, was nominated for a Grammy for best reggae album. The Gay&Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation launched an online petition protesting the nomination.

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James Hetfield donates land

MUSIC Metallica frontman James Hetfield is donating 135 hectares of land near his California home for preservation as farmland.

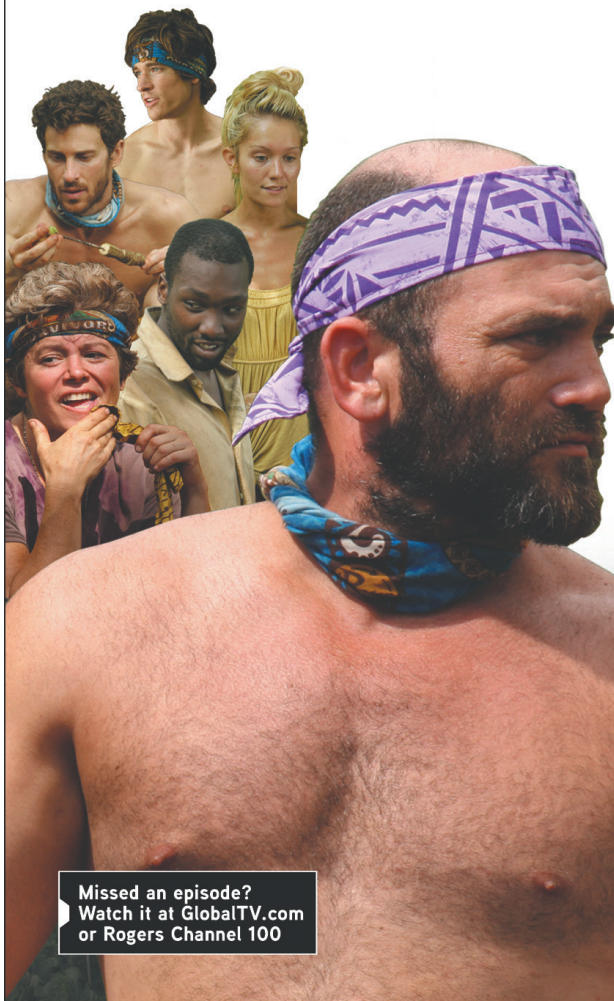
The Marin County Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted the donation Tuesday. It follows Hetfield's earlier gift of more than 160 hectares.

Hetfield's consultant, Scott Hochstrasser, says the donations reflect the singer's desire to maintain privacy and preserve open space. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Legal battle looms over Jackson estate

The administrators of Michael Jackson's estate and a cadre of attorneys are seeking millions for managing the King of Pop's affairs after death, court documents filed Tuesday show.

It's unclear how much exactly will be paid out.

The administrators of Jackson's estate, attorney John Branca and music executive John McClain, are seeking five per cent of money the estate has earned so far.

The administrators and attorneys have not been paid since Jackson's death on June 25, the filings state.

The estate may have earned \$100 million or more with the sale of rights to the concert film This Is It, new music releases and merchandising agreements.

But Jackson's estate also faces significant debt and a lawsuit cites at least 10



Jackson's estate may have earned \$100 million or more with the sale of rights to the concert film, This Is It.

lawsuits that are still pending. They include suits over the rights to Thriller, Jackson's iconic song and music video directed by John Landis, and lawsuits filed by former associates.

The filings state that a detailed accounting of the estate's earnings is not ready, but attorneys have filed some financial records for the judge to re-

view.

Many experts believe that Jackson's estate earnings could eclipse those of another famous, and profitable, music icon — Elvis Presley.

Payments would also go to a variety of firms, including one representing the interests of Jackson's children.

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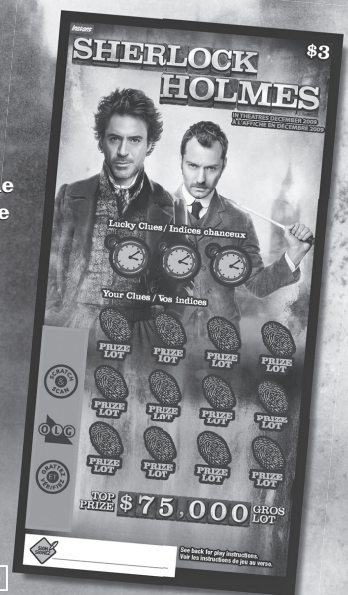
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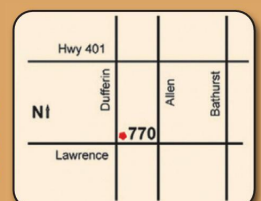
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True Blood fans will have something to growl about now that the show has cast Joe Manganiello as Alcide Herveaux, who will appear in season 3 as a love interest for Sookie Stackhouse. **PEOPLE.COM**



Cast 'gleeful' over Globes nod

The mood on the set was appropriately gleeful.

The musical-drama Glee got some serious Golden Globe love Tuesday, with more nominations than any show. Among the Fox series' four nominations: best television series — comedy or musical.

On the Paramount Studios lot, where Glee is filmed, the show's cast could be found Tuesday hugging and laughing after hearing the news.

"Amazing," said Corey Monteith, who plays football hunk Finn Hudson. "It is kind of like it is like

Christmas morning."

"The four best presents ever," added actor Kevin McHale.

Besides the nod to the series, Glee received nominations for Matthew Morrison and Lea Michele, two Broadway veterans who are TV newcomers. Veteran stage and screen actress Jane Lynch also earned a bid for best supporting actress in a series, miniseries or movie.

"I slept through (the nominations announce-

ment)," Lynch said. "But, I got up to six messages and went, 'Ah! I wonder if there is some good news for us?' And there was. My agent called me three times and said, 'Why aren't you up?' So, yeah. I called my mom, and she said, 'The golden what?'" Michele said she and her mother used to dress up just to watch awards shows at home. So, no surprise that Michele was at a loss for words upon hearing of her nomination.

"I can't, I can't even believe it," said Michele, also a Drama Desk nominee for Spring Awakening. "My mother just said to me, 'When I get out of this shock, I will congratulate you properly.' I think when I snap out of this shock, I don't know when it is going to happen, but if someone here hears a scream somewhere in L.A. at any point, it is probably me finally realizing what actually is happening."

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Not a hobbit

Tobey Maguire is not appearing in *The Hobbit*. The actor has dispelled rumours he has signed up to play Bilbo Baggins in the upcoming movie adaptation of the prequel to the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



Dean and Dan Caten do it all

Dan and Dean Caten are loving this moment in the limelight.

The twin-brother team behind the fashion label Dsquared2 are on TV and the radio, they created concert costumes for Madonna and Britney Spears, and they'll be outfitting the headlining performers at the opening and closing ceremonies at the 2010 Winter Olympics. Earlier this year, they received a star on Canada's Walk of Fame — the only fashion designers to be honoured alongside the likes of Michael J. Fox and Wayne Gretzky.

They have a collection of branded MAC cosmetics as well as eyewear and fragrance deals. But any time it seems success might go to their heads, they remember their modest Canadian roots and have a good chuckle.

Actually, they do more than chuckle, they crack each other up, communicating in shorthand that takes other people in the room a little while to understand.

"We are twins in every sense of the word," says



Twins Dan, left, and Dean Caten acknowledging the applause at the end of the Dsquared2 Spring/Summer 2009 fashion collection.

Dan, who describes himself as the more approachable of the two — although he's also the one who'll crack the whip at work. Dean claims he's "taller and thinner," sucking in his cheeks and striking a model-worthy pose. Hysteries ensue.

They've been this close since the day they were born in 1964 in Willowdale, and have wanted to work in fashion almost as long, Dean says. Family life was as ordinary as it could be in a household with nine kids, yet he and Dan always had an eye on a bigger picture that his family couldn't see.

"It was normal people, growing up, just not us,"

Dean says. "We didn't quite fit in, but it was still fun."

Dan jumps in, "With five sisters, though, we did a lot of shopping, dressed them for a lot of proms and parties — and we dressed them!"

"We could do it on a budget ... they trusted us because they knew we knew better than them."

The way they tell it, they couldn't wait to start their careers.

"We chose Europe instead of New York," Dean adds, "because it was not so easy to come back home."

Still, they're proud of their Canadian roots: Maple leaves are incorpo-

rated into several designs each season.

They started in menswear in 1994 and added womenswear in 2003. The new spring collection has a campfire vibe. "Deep down inside, we're a little 'hick,'" Dan says with a smile.

Music is a key source of inspiration, the Catens say, and they put together the playlist for their runway shows as they're sketching styles. Their famous soundtracks led to XM Radio's Dean and Dan On Air: Style in Stereo and now they host Bravo's new *Launch My Line*, which gives artistic professionals a chance to break into the fashion biz.

The Catens' personalities largely serve as the glue for the TV show.

"Not only are they super-credible, hot and talented designers, the idea of having identical twin brother designers as fashion hosts is as unique as they are," says Andy Cohen, senior vice-president of original programming and development at Bravo.

"Plus they're fun, fun, fun!"

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Mix of Six

CONCERT Three Days Grace, along with The Used and Default, perform at the Air Canada Centre at 7 p.m. livenation.com and www.ticketmaster.ca.

BENEFIT Rock'n For The Drop'n, a benefit for the Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre featuring young hip-hop artists, takes place at 8 p.m. at the Concord Café, 937 Bloor St. W. concommunity.org.

ORCHESTRA The Via Salzburg Chamber Orchestra is performing tonight at the Glenn Gould Studio. viasalzburg.com or roythomson.com.

PERFORMANCE It's A Wonderful Life - The Musical is being performed by the Civic Light Opera Company at the Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall. civiclighopera.com.

PLAY Stuff Happens by David Hare is currently playing at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, 260 King St. W. mirvish.com.

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Grey's Anatomy

Members of the hospital staff continue to explore unique ways to deal with their grief over George's death. Arizona (Jessica Capshaw) stoops to manipulation to diagnose her pain patient. Hunt's (Kevin McKidd) amputee patient sinks deep into depression in "Goodbye." Ellen Pompeo, Sandra Oh, Katherine Heigl, Justin Chambers and Chandra Wilson also star. 8 PM on ABC ACH-B



Saturday Night Live Christmas 2009

But will they remember to include the Coneheads and the Looper's? This new two-hour yuletide special, culled from holiday-themed sketches over the show's past 35 years, presents the ones judged to deliver the biggest number of ho-ho-hos. Your mileage may vary, but some real gems are sure to make the cut. 8 PM on NBC

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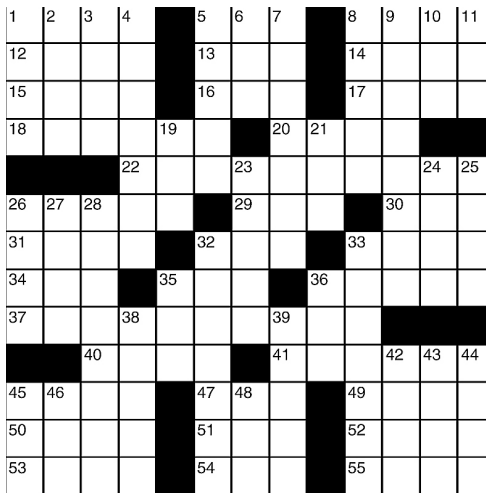
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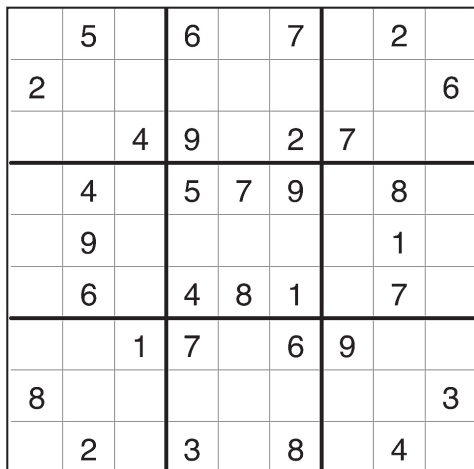
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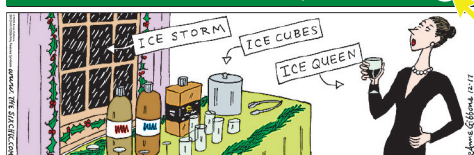


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Metro Recipe of the Day



Leek & Mushroom Strudel

Submitted by:
Nicole Paara, Toronto, ON

INGREDIENTS:

2 Tablespoon butter
3 Cup chopped leeks (1 bunch)
500 Gram mixed mushrooms, trimmed and sliced
2 Teaspoon chopped garlic
1/4 Cup whipping cream
1/4 Cup fresh breadcrumbs
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1/2 Cup grated manchego or parmesan cheese
1 Package puff pastry, defrosted
8 Ounce goat cheese, crumbled
1 egg yolk
2 Tablespoon whipping cream

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400 F°.
2. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add leeks and sauté for 2 minutes or until beginning to soften.
3. Add mushrooms and garlic and sauté for 4 minutes longer, or until mush-

rooms are soft.
4. Add cream and cook for 30 seconds or until cream just coats vegetables.
5. Stir in breadcrumbs and grated cheese. Season with salt and pepper.
6. Divide pastry in half and roll out each piece to a 10 x 10-inch square and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
7. Cover half of each square with goat cheese, leaving a 1-inch border around the edges. Top with vegetable mixture.
8. Beat together egg yolk and whipping cream for glaze and brush over pastry edges. Fold pastry over vegetables to cover. Press edges together to seal and brush top with glaze.
9. Slash top of pastry at 2-inch intervals leaving a 2-inch border on each side.
10. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until pastry is golden and filling is hot.

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A wonderful link from Venus to your ruler Mars urges you to put fun and pleasure before chores and responsibilities.

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SEPT 23-OCT 23
Friendship and love are especially well started at the moment and a new relationship is likely to begin either today or tomorrow.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Forget about cash flow issues and focus on something that brings a smile to your face. It's time to get your life back in perspective.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Go out of your way to be nice to people today, even people who have not always been nice to you in the past.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You need to be on the move as much as possible today because the more people you meet the more opportunities will come your way.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Your adventurous spirit will find its perfect outlet today and, even better, you will share the fun with like-minded people.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Others may say you are behaving in an illogical manner but don't let that change the way you go about things today.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
The intensity of your emotions will catch you by surprise today — so imagine how other people will feel!

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
With Mars in your sign aligned with Venus, planet of harmony, you won't have to do anything too energetic today.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will find it easier than usual to admit that you were at least partly to blame for things that have gone wrong.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
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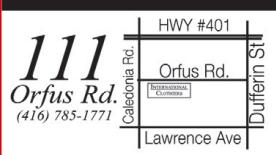
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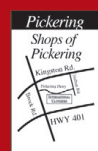
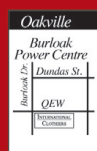
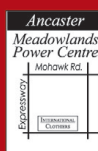
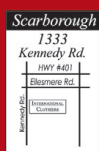
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